



March 5, 2023 THE CROSS AS FOOLISHNESS | 1 Corinthians 1:18 Wade Paton

S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we began a series called, "The Message of the Cross". We looked at what the Apostle Paul said about the cross in 1 Corinthians 1:18.

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1 Corinthians 1:18

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) When you think about the cross, is there a particular one you think about?
- 2) What is the most memorable cross in your life and why is it significant?

We learned about the word 'Cruciform' which means 'the shape or form our lives take when we choose to follow Jesus.'

- 3) What do you think a cruciform life looks like?

In 1 Corinthians 1:18 Paul says the message of the cross is foolishness (*moronic*) to some, and the power of God (*dynamite*) to others.

- 4) What is at the heart of these two different approaches to the message of the cross?
- 5) Which view do you take and why?

We looked at 4 things the cross says to us. Take some time to reflect on each one and read the scriptures attached.

- We are forgiven (Galatians 3:13; Isaiah 53:6)
- We are accepted (Matthew 27:51; 1 John 3:1)
- We are reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:18)
- We are free (Colossians 2:15)

- 6) Share any thoughts, questions, objections, or affirmations you have may.

R E S P O N D

What do you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to do in response to what we've reflected on?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

Ask Jesus to reveal what he wants to say to you today through the cross. Invite the Holy Spirit to empower us in living cruciform lives.



FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE, BY PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS TOGETHER