



Christ the Wisdom and Power of God!... 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 & 2:1-5

*"¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)*

1. Who is the Fool?... Where does your wisdom come from?

Scripture... 1Corinthians 1:18-21

2. Christ Crucified... Simply explained...yet understandably hard to fathom!

Scripture... 1Corinthians 1:22-23

3. You Have Been Called... Consider your calling!

Scripture... 1Corinthians 1:24-28

- He is our Wisdom...Colossians 2:3
- He is our Righteousness...2 Corinthians 5:21
- He is our Sanctification...John 17:19
- He is our Redeemer...Romans 3:24

4. If You're Goin to Boast... Give Him the Glory!

Scripture... 1Corinthians 1:29-31

5. Proclaiming Christ Crucified... Don't overthink it, follow Paul's example!

Scripture... 1Corinthians 2:1-5

Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. We live in a world where people believe that whatever makes you feel good is acceptable. Unfortunately for us, while Christ Crucified is where our Joy comes from, this can be unacceptable to the unbeliever. How do you "Stand Firm" against those who come against you for your belief in a Savior that died for you? Do you tend to hide your faith to hide your foolishness from? Give an example of your experiences...good or bad, so others in your group can be sharpened.
3. There are many reasons and excuses why the unbeliever chooses to reject Christ. Take a moment to share one of your reasons for rejecting Christ prior to your conversion. Today, as a believer, what do you hear from unbelievers as to why they don't believe the Gospel? What is your approach in helping them with their unbelief? Is it effective? Why or Why not?
4. God shows his wisdom by means of the theological words listed below. Discuss the special meaning these words carry for you as a Christian?
 - **Righteousness** – 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - **Sanctification** – John 17:19
 - **Redemption** – Romans 3:24
5. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)