

SERMON NOTES

Date: October 8, 2017

Series: Messy Church

Title: Wisdom of Men, Wisdom of God

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Big Idea: Though the cross of Christ is foolishness to the world, it is the wisdom and power of God for salvation to all who believe.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. What does our culture identify as the most important qualities in someone successful, and how is that different from what God says? _____

Why do the Jews stumble over the Gospel and the Gentiles think it is foolishness (vs. 18, 22-23)? How do you see similar responses in people today? _____

How might the church compromise the Gospel to make it more appealing to the world? What's wrong with this approach? _____

How does Paul prove the power and wisdom of the cross? _____

Why did God choose the foolish, weak, and lowly to be his people and display his power (vs. 27-29)? _____

What is the only thing a Christian can ever really boast about (v. 31)? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

In what ways are you tempted to place your hope and trust in your own wisdom, skill, power, or abilities? Why is truly foolish? _____

Have you ever been hesitant, afraid, or ashamed to share the gospel? Explain why. _____

How do the truths in this passage strengthen your confidence and resolve to boldly proclaim the word of the cross? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Since Christ is all we need, then he is the only one we ever need to boast about. Write "boast note" on Jesus. Boast on him and let him know you're grateful for all he's done in you, for you, and through you. Be prepared to share your boast with others. _____

