

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** October 15, 2017

**Series:** Messy Church

**Title:** Power in Preaching the Cross

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Big Idea:** If we are going to have God's blessing as a church, then we must make sure we are preaching the right message, with the right method, for the right reason.

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# MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

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## REVIEW THE SERMON

How does Paul describe his own preaching among the Corinthians? (vs. 1-2) \_\_\_\_\_

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How does Paul describe his own position as he preached? (v. 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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What accompanied Paul as he preached the Gospel? (v. 4) \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the outcome of preaching the gospel in weakness rather than with plausible words of wisdom? (v. 5) \_\_\_\_\_

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In what ways do you think the church today is tempted to be preoccupied with cultural relevance rather than being focused on cross-centeredness and spirit-empowerment? \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLY THE TRUTH

How should you apply Paul's words here to your own attitude toward preachers today? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do these verses encourage your own efforts to tell people about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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Imagine you found yourself moving to another community and began looking for a new church to attend. What should you look for most of all? \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Pray for the pastors you know to uncompromisingly proclaim the Word of God week after week, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the glory of God. Pray that God would work mightily in the midst of their weaknesses, so that the church would have the privilege of standing back and saying, "Wow! God did that!"