

1 Corinthians

*A love affair
with problems*



Life Group Notes – Week Two

Icebreaker: What is the most foolish thing you have ever done?

- Read Acts 17:32 & 18:6 what sort of opposition did Paul face preaching the gospel in Athens and Corinth? What sort of opposition do we face today?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

- Why does Paul refer to his own message (or the message of the cross) as foolish?
- In verse 18 Paul refers to those who 'are perishing' and those who 'are being saved' why does he phrase it this way?
- In verse 20-21 Paul points out that the wisdom of the world has failed to lead people to God, who do we revere as wise today? Where are they trying to lead people?
- Why is the message 'Christ Crucified' so important? What difference has this message made in your life?
- Are we sometimes so concerned with the foolishness of the message that we forget that it works?
- Despite all the opposition he faced Paul continued to preach the gospel, what prevents us from doing the same?

Read 1 Corinthians 25-32

- Paul lists many things that the Corinthians are not (wise, influential, noble, strong) why might they have needed to hear this?
- What is the danger of boasting?
- Paul divides the wisdom of Jesus into three sections, righteousness, sanctification and redemption what do they mean for us?
- Can you think of any examples in your own life when God has used you beyond your own expectations?