

1. What is wisdom? Who is a wise person you know and what makes them wise to you?

2. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-19.** What is the “message” (NIV) or “word” (ESV) of the cross? How would you explain it to someone who is not familiar with the Bible or Christianity?

3. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:21.** According to this verse, what does God use “to save those who believe?” What does it say about the importance of attending a church gathering?

4. What pictures and thoughts come into your mind when you hear the word “preach?”

How does that compare to when Paul says, “but we preach Christ crucified” in verse 23?

5. What is Paul's point about signs and wisdom in verses 22-23? If you trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, how do logic and reason relate to your faith?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:25. What's an area where God's wisdom is viewed as foolishness to the world? How have you seen God's truths in these areas prevail?

7. According to verses 26 - 28, what kind of people does God choose? Do you identify with any of the descriptions in this verse? How does that impact how you see yourself?

8. How does promoting or highlighting famous Christian athletes, actors/actresses, business people, musicians, etc. fit in with what Paul says in verses 26-29?

9. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:30.** Which one of those descriptions of Jesus brings hope and/or comfort to you in your current situation?