

How have Christians today sometimes adopted the world's methods in spreading the gospel?

Week beginning 22nd July 2024
Sermon: Sunday 28th July 2024

Study 2: The wisdom of the Gospel

Readings: 1Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5

How does Paul example help us in discerning what we should look for in a Christian leader? What is at the centre of true ministry?

What do you look for in a church leader, minister?

Read 1Corinthians 1:18 - 25:

The 'For' at the beginning of v18 indicates a connection with what is written before. What is that connection?

In looking for worldly wisdom and power how have the Corinthians misunderstood God's Wisdom and power?

What do the Jew and the Gentile want? Why does this stop them from seeing the gospel? What are they missing?

The Corinthians boasted in worldly wisdom and those who taught it. How does the message of the cross destroy all such boasting?

Read 1Corinthians 1:26 - 31:

The Corinthians felt intellectually and spiritually superior to others. What had they forgotten about their past and the reason God chose them?

How does verses 30 and 31 sum up the teaching of this chapter?

As you reflect on your past, what reasons do you have for being humble rather than proud?

Read 1Corinthians 2:1 - 5:

Greek philosophers were often polished orators whose eloquence and wisdom dazzled their audiences. How does this contrast with Paul's preaching in Corinth?

Why didn't Paul rely on his great wisdom and his obvious communication skills?