



## **WEEK TWO | THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE CROSS**

Do you ever feel like you should be making more progress than you are? Is your “life plan” going as expected? It can be frustrating sometimes when you find yourself making the same mistakes and falling back into some old habits. This is a common thing for humans. It is also very common in our spiritual journey. I think most of us truly want to grow in our faith resulting in holier actions. Well, let’s just say that what Paul is dealing with in Corinth, is still troublesome today in our culture and in our churches. Thankfully God is very patient. Progress is slow but we can get there.

**How is your “life plan” going? (If you even have one.)**

**What have you learned about having a “life plan”?**

### **THE SITUATION**

Paul paints a simple picture of the human situation in this letter. We fall into one category or the other – Those in the process of being saved and those in the process of perishing.

**What do you think about that?**

**How is being saved and perishing a process? Either you are saved or lost, right?**

### **TALK ABOUT IT**

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:18, 21-24**

**What kinds of things do you see that blind people to who Jesus is and why we need him?**

**Why would anyone think that Jesus sacrificing himself and those who believe in him, are foolish or weak?**

## APPLY IT

### Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-4

Why does Paul seem fixated on boasting? Is this really a problem?

### Read 1 Corinthians 2:5

What do you think about Paul's caution to not look for teaching that excites and interests us rather than a message that comes from the Spirit in power and action?

Talk about this before you pray.

*"If we really understand that Christ experienced the agony that we deserved to suffer, how can we possibly exalt ourselves or any other human leaders?"*

## PRAY

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.