



SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 5, 2014

Sermon Series: The Cross-Shaped Life: A Study In 1 Corinthians

Sermon: "The Wisdom Of The Cross"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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1. What are some different ways of looking at the world (e.g. naturalism: "This world is all there is.")? Try to think of a few. How would each of these views lead you to live a particular way?
2. What are the two false ways of viewing the world Paul talks about in this passage (v. 22)? How would each of these impact the way you live?
3. What is the true lens through which Paul says we should view the world (v. 23)? How does this challenge the two views he just mentioned?
4. In what do humans normally "boast" (vv. 27-29)? How does the cross challenge these things?
5. Paul doesn't say wisdom or boasting are bad things. Where does he speak about them positively (vv. 30-31), and how does this change the way we interact with others, especially those we might be tempted to feel "better than" (e.g. people with different politics, moral values, lifestyles, ethnic backgrounds, economic success, etc.)?