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“The Cross: Folly or Wisdom?”

*4th in a Series on the Book of 1 Corinthians*

Sermon Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Old Testament Passage: Isaiah 19:11-12

### ***Read the Passage***

### ***Discussion Questions***

1. *Why* is the message of the cross “folly to those who are perishing” (1 Corinthians 1:18)? What is it about the cross that makes the message foolish to believe?
2. How has “God made foolish the wisdom of the world” (1 Corinthians 1:20)? Does this square either with the way that the world thinks about itself or, as is so oftentimes the case, the way that the church thinks about the world?
3. What are our modern equivalents of verse 22? Which types of people look for demonstrable signs and what sorts of people in the world seek wisdom?
4. From these verses, how might we need to adjust our expectations for how quickly someone might respond to our sharing the gospel? Also, what comforts can we take?

### ***Pray Together***