

[MESSAGE NOTES]

True North: A Journey through 1 Corinthians
Week 2 — *The Wise vs. The Fools* (1 Cor. 1:18-30)

Message Notes:

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Wisdom is something that most of us desire to gain, but there are so many different ideas about what it means to be wise in our world today. In spite of this, as humans we seem to intuitively know what wisdom *looks* like in someone's life. ***Who is the wisest person that you have ever known? What are the traits, characteristics, or experiences that you think have made them wise?***

[DIGGING DEEPER]

All throughout the Bible, a common refrain is to *seek wisdom*. Some parts of Scripture, such as Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, are actually considered to be in the genre of *wisdom literature*. In Proverbs, 'Wisdom' is even portrayed as a woman who is closely related to, or even possibly the *actual* presence of God. In the New Testament these themes continue, but with Jesus being portrayed as the embodiment of Wisdom. Jesus *is* the Wisdom of God, and His Way is the way of the Wise!

This week in 1 Corinthians 1, we wrestled through Paul's contrast of the wisdom of the World, what the Bible regularly calls foolishness, and the Wisdom of God, which Paul refers to as The Cross. **Read Matthew 7:24-29. What does Jesus say it takes to become wise?**

Read Proverbs 2. **What do we learn about wisdom in this chapter? What are its benefits? What does it accomplish?** List these insights below.

The World has its own 'wisdom.' **What are some of the 'wisdoms' of the World that you hear today that are actually foolishness?**

Ephesians 5:15-17 says, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Paul is encouraging us to **pay attention** to everything God is doing around us, so that we don't miss what God is up to—the Wisdom He is working in the World. **What are some of the ways that you can be more intentional in paying attention to God's work in, through, and around you? How can you turn away from foolishness and align yourself more with His Way—the Way of Wisdom—which will help you discern His will?**

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10, 16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message.

1 Corinthians 2

2 Chronicles 1

Matthew 7

James 3

Bonus: Read through the book of Proverbs