



Going Deeper Questions
Christ in Culture
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Sermon Scripture Passage

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Fun icebreaker question

If you went to public high school, did you make it into your senior superlatives list? If so, what were you voted? If not, what do you imagine you could have been voted in as?

Discipleship Cycle: Debrief & Interpret

Last week, we were challenged to stand by those we might disagree with in unity, even though we still disagreed. How did that go?

Quick Review: What stood out to you from this week's passage?

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

My Story

- 1) What do you remember about the "Race for Honors" in the ancient Roman and Greek world? What did that look like?
 - 2) How does the "Race for Honors" show up in our world today? What does that look like?
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- 3) What was significant about what the Jews in the passage were "looking for"? What was significant about what the Greeks in this passage were "looking for"? How did that tie into the "Race for Honors"?
 - 4) What kinds of things are Americans "looking for"? What do we value in our culture in the United States? How does that tie into our own race for honor?
 - 5) What was the significance of the phrase "But we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23) to Paul's original readers? How about to us?
 - 6) How was the phrase "Christ crucified" an oxymoron to the original hearers? Why would that have been considered "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Cor. 1:24)?
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Dive Deeper

- 1) Think about your own life. How does the race for honor show up for you?
 - 2) 1 Cor. 1:22 says that the Jews of Paul's day looked for miraculous signs of God's power. And the Greeks looked for the best wisdom of the day. What do you look for? How would you fill in this blank: "Jews look for signs. Greeks look for wisdom. I look for _____."
 - 3) Another way to ask the question about is - what do you value? What do you put your hope in?
 - 4) Now think about these words following those: "But we preach Christ crucified." How is that message a scandal, a stumbling block, foolishness for you?
 - 5) How can identifying with Christ's weakness show up as power in your life? In the Church? In the world?
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Discipleship Cycle: Respond Actively

We talked about brokenness as a symbol of God's strength. So this week, as you prepare food that has had to die to nourish you (whether that's a carrot or a piece of salmon), consider how death can lead to life. How can you

respond with gratitude to that gift?

A special question for couples and families

In the sermon, Pastor Brynn talked about a student she worked with as a youth pastor who shared that she didn't understand that she was loved apart from what she did or how well she could do it. How can what we communicate to our kids and spouses continue a race for honor in their lives? What are some ways that we can communicate to our families that we love them, apart from their performance or abilities?
