

FOOLS FOR CHRIST

1 Corinthians 1.26-2.5

JUST A NOBODY

Paul has told the Corinthians that the Gospel itself is weak and foolish in the eyes of the world. Now, however, he is saying that even we, the recipients and messengers of the Good News are *also* foolish and weak. We all know others who are more gifted, talented, and successful than us. But God chooses the foolish things of the world to put His plan on display, because then He gets the glory, and when He gets the glory, people get saved. He even told them in his second letter that he knows that he himself is not a gifted public speaker, but he knows it is unwise to compare ourselves to others.

2 Corinthians 10.10-13

**I'm just a nobody trying to tell everybody
about Somebody who can save anybody.**

-Williams Brothers

THE FOOLISH WORK OF A FARMER

Paul even calls the means by which we present the Gospel "foolishness." Preaching, he says, is foolishness, because the nature of it - words being spoken - are expected to change the world. No power, show of force, or human ingenuity. Just words being cast out into the wind.

**Consider the work of a farmer from an outsider's perspective.
Every day, he walks out and pours water on dirt,
Expecting that some day it will produce life that gives life.**

KNOWING NOTHING BUT CHRIST CRUCIFIED

We are to be farmers. Patient, faith-filled farmers who believe that by the watering of the Gospel of Christ crucified, those who are dead can come alive. We put our hope and trust not in our presentation, nor our slickness, nor our savvy, but in the power of God working through the power of His Word, and by the power of the Spirit.

Jesus + Nothing = Everything



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 5:15

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 1.26-2.5**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Why aren't many who are noble or strong called by God? And why does God most often use the foolish and weak of the world for His purpose and glory? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

There's so much encouragement in these verses, but what particular truth reminds you most of how the power of God works in and through you? How does this magnify Christ in your heart and mind? _____

Repent and Confess

Do you put stock in your gifts or talents to bring about successful ministry opportunities? Or do you minimize and look down upon yourself, or compare yourself to others? Where might there be certain attitudes or sin that need to be repented of that may be robbing God of glory? _____

Ask for Provision

In light of these passages, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? Do you need faith and confidence in His power through you, despite your weakness? Do you need to see Him as bigger and more powerful than you currently do? _____

Your Life Mission

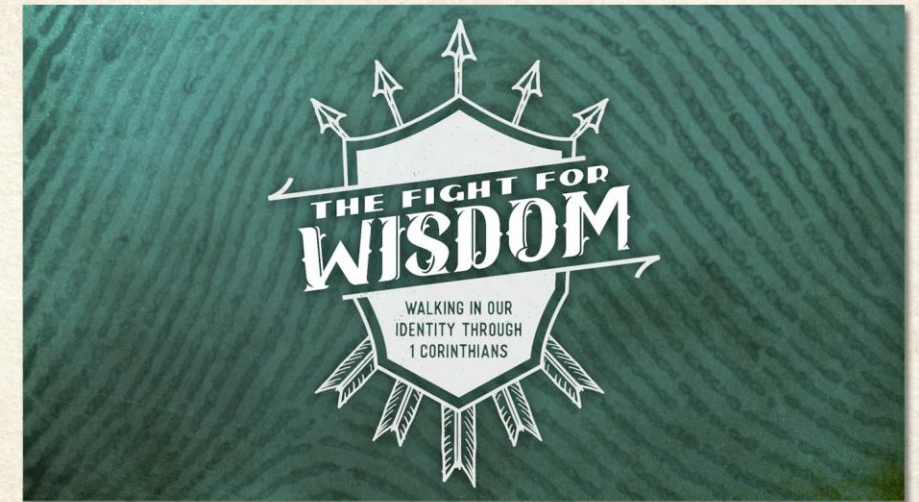
God is wise, and in His wisdom He has brought specific people into your life. You are probably not the next Billy Graham, but God's Word doesn't say "the harvest is plenty, and the Billy Grahams are few." It says "the laborers." Farmers, really. Who in your life will you be seeing or talking to soon that you can purposefully be "pouring water onto"? Who in your life can you purposefully go out of your way to plan a time to be with for the purpose of sharing the Gospel? Share these names and opportunities with your group so you can pray as a group.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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