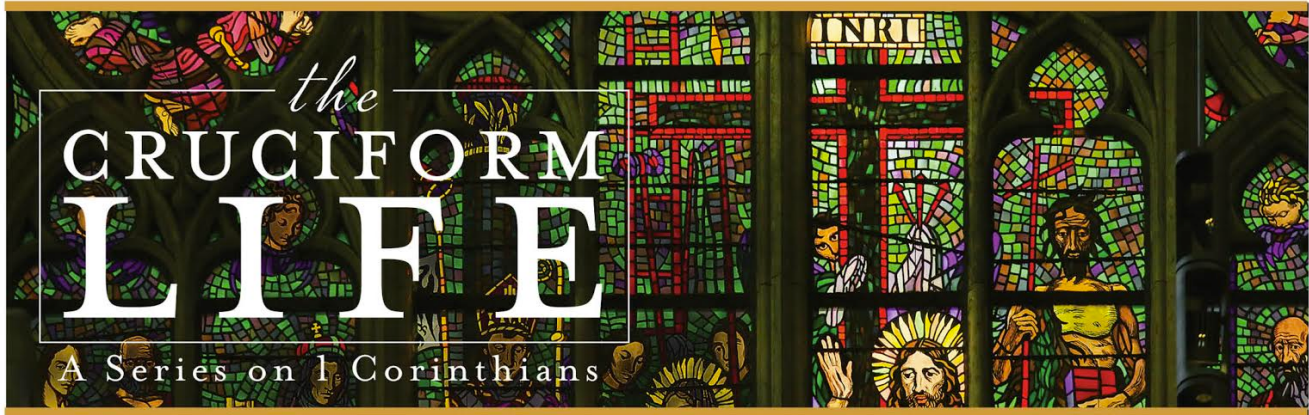




## REFLECTION GUIDE

2018 Lent Sermon Series



This week, Corey continued our series on 1st Corinthians.

### READ

1 Corinthians 2:6-16, 3:18-19

### REFLECT

1. Corey started the sermon by contrasting Paul's definition of wisdom from the other treatments of wisdom we often encounter. How would you define wisdom?
2. Corey said "what happened at the cross was so crazy, so counter-intuitive, so beyond what humans think is good and wise that no one had any concept of what God was doing." How does our text today emphasize this counter-intuitive message?
3. Part of Paul's message in our text today was, in Corey's words, "true spirituality, true maturity, always comes from a deeper grasp and experience of the cross." What does it mean to "never move beyond the cross?" How can you keep the cruciform Christ as a central component of your life?

### PRAY

- + Confess to God how often we settle for human wisdom.
- + Ask God to help us better understand the Cruciform Christ.
- + Thank God for providing the Holy Spirit which reveals Godly wisdom.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

### PRACTICE

- + One of Corey's applications focused on how Paul's words should inform our attitudes toward non-believers. Corey paraphrased Paul's words by saying "those who don't have the Spirit of God will not behave like they have the Spirit of God" and advising us that we should follow Paul's words and not judge those outside the church. How could this practically change your perspective on your interactions with non-Christians? How can you replace your judgement with compassion and prayer?
- + By the same logic, this means that those of us who do have the Spirit of God need to hold ourselves to a higher standard. Paul writes, "Do not deceive yourselves, if any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight." What would it look like if you lived your life based on the wisdom of God instead of the wisdom of this world? What steps could you take this week in order to live your life on God's wisdom?