

Week of January 30, 2022

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What about "the word of the cross" makes it "foolishness" to some but "the power of God" to others (vs 18)?
3. When Paul references the cross our modern ears can hear those words in light of all we know about Christ and our faith, but when the letter was written the cross was the instrument of one of the most terrible kinds of death. How does remembering this idea change the way you read this passage?
4. Why is it significant that the tenses of the verbs "are perishing" and "are being saved" (vs 18) describe works in progress?
5. Who are the "wise" and the "clever" (vs 19) voices of today?
6. Verse 21 says, "the world through its wisdom did not come to know God." While we often look to wise people for knowledge, describe a profound lesson you learned about God from an unexpected source.
7. The most educated circles of our society, such as our university systems, tend to have the least regard for God. Why do you think that is, and how can we change it?
8. In verses 22-23 Paul says that the Jews looked for signs and the Greeks looked for wisdom, but God instead gave them Christ crucified. As you have shared the Gospel with others how much do you (or should you) rely on illustrations of the miraculous or intellectual arguments, compared with the truth of Christ's death on the cross?
9. Describe a time when following the 'wisdom' of the world lead you to trouble, and another time when the 'foolishness' of the Gospel brought you blessing.



FINDING FAITH IN FOLLY

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 / Ben Orchard / January 30, 2022

The Cross of Christ is a _____ (18-19)

The Cross of Christ _____ the _____ of Worldly Wisdom (20-21)

The Cross of Christ is the _____ of God's _____ and _____ (22-25)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE NICS CONFERENCE

The Northwest Institute of Christian Studies is pleased to invite you to a free conference, **The Lord Our God**, coming up **March 24-26** focusing on a deeper understanding of the God we worship. Join us for this weekend of sound teaching as we welcome back Dr. E.D. Burns. He brings his insights as a scholar and his passion as a global minister of the Gospel to help us know and appreciate more the character and the work of the Triune God. Visit spokanevbc.org/events to register.

WINTER GEAR DRIVE FOR UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are partnered with University Elementary School and they are in need of some winter items for the kids. Follow the Amazon link below to purchase the winter items. As you order items make sure the shipping address is going to Valley Bible Church. Please purchase the items by January 31. If you want more info contact **Ben Doehle** at benjamin@spokanevbc.org. Amazon link: <https://amzn.to/3G16tn0>

YOUTH WINTER CAMP

The Pursuit Winter Fellowship is our annual High School youth winter camp. February 18-21 at Pend Orielle Bible Camp. Sign up at spokanevbc.org/events.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Biblical View of Mankind **BEGINS TODAY**, in room 130 during the 10:45 am service taught by Dr. Mike Powell. This class will examine the Bible's teaching on who we are and how to view those around us.

9 AM SERVICE IN ROOM 130 (MASKS REQUIRED)

The 9 am service in room 130 is available to anyone. All attendees of this service are required to wear a mask.

VALENTINE'S DESSERT & MOVIE NIGHT

The Valentine's Dessert & Movie Night hosted by the Men's ministry is on **Friday, February 11**. The event starts with dessert followed by the movie, *Chasing Mavericks*. Sign-ups are January 30 & February 6 in the Portico. Childcare is provided for Nursery to 5th grade.

NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON

If you are new or want to know more about VBC, please come to the Newcomer's Luncheon on **February 6**, right after the second service in room 130. Meet the pastors & staff, enjoy a complimentary lunch and learn about our ministries and more! Children are welcome. RSVP at spokanevbc.org/events.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

VBC Women's Ministries strives to provide women with opportunities to grow in their relationship with God and with other women at VBC. They oversee Titus 2 Mentorship, Blanket Makers, Women's Fellowship Events, Women's Breakfast and Bible Study, as well as the kitchen and reception teams. If you'd like to get involved, learn more at spokanevbc.org/women.

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OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are *intimate* with Christ, *active* in the Church, & *loving* the community.

GIVING REPORT

General: January \$75,103 / YTD \$75,103
Building Fund: Given \$3200