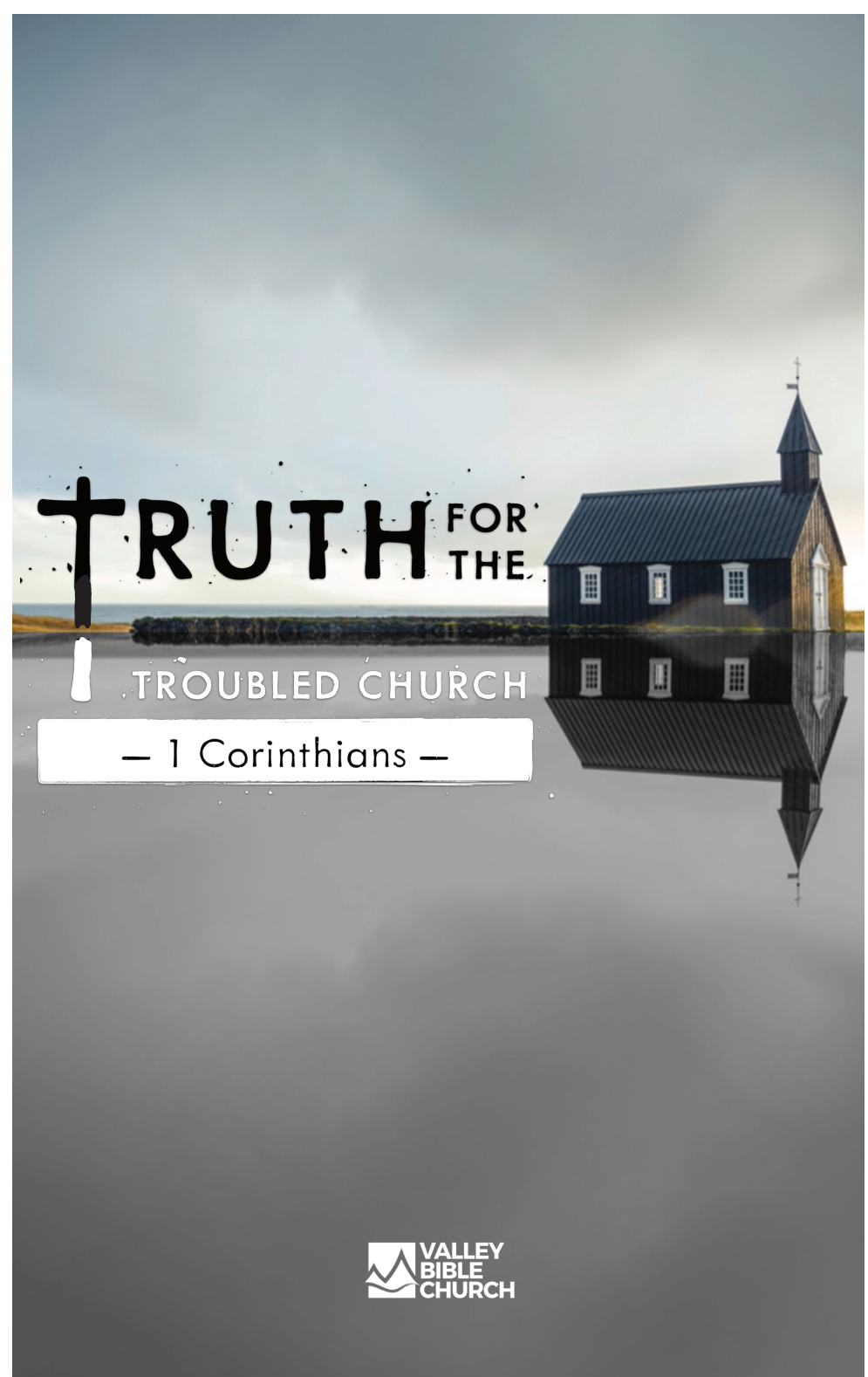


Week of February 13, 2022

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. How does Paul contrast the use of "superior speech and wisdom" in verse 1 with "the demonstration of the Spirit and of power" in verse 4?
3. Paul's message was focused on "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (vs 2). What about the message of Jesus Christ is lost when removed from the reality of the cross? What is gained?
4. Paul says in verse 3 that he was in Corinth "in weakness and in fear and in much trembling." Looking at the account of his time in Corinth found in Acts 18:1-11 and the surrounding context, why might Paul have felt this way and what can we learn from it?
5. How does physical and emotional circumstance affect our ability to evangelize?
6. Elsewhere we see evidence of Paul's impressive rhetorical skill (see, for example, Acts 26 – especially verses 24-29), but here Paul's message was purposefully "not in persuasive words of wisdom" (vs 4). In what circumstances might a Christian wisely choose to share their faith using logic and/or testimony?
7. Think back on some of the best sermons you have ever heard. What made them so memorable and effective?
8. What warning signs are there that a church's pursuit of excellence in things like music, graphics, facility, preaching, etc., have shifted focus away from the "power of God" (vs 5)? How does VBC do well in this, and where could we grow?
9. Do you think today's culture sees the Church as a testimony to the power of God? Why or why not?



THE WAY TO LAY A GOSPEL FOUNDATION

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We Can't Preach God's Gospel _____ Way (1)

We Must Preach God's Gospel _____ Way (2)

Because It's Ultimately God's _____ Anyway (3-4)

And Faith in God Alone is the _____ Way (5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Breakfast is on Saturday, February 19 from 9-11 am in room 130. It is offered on the third Saturday of every month to ladies, high School and up. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit spokanevbc.org/events for events and more details.

- Congregational Meeting, March 20
- NICS Class March 24-26
- Men's Retreat, April 22-24
- VBC Spring Clean-up Day, May 7
- Church in the Park, June 12

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.

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.



SAFETY TEAM

A ministry dedicated to facilitating a safe worship environment and experience. The safety team is on a rotating schedule of Sunday morning service, along with occasional special events. The team consists of mature believers over the age of 18 who attend ongoing group training and must pass a required background check.

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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.