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**Jesus Alone Is Worthy To Be Praised**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Key Truth:** The message of the Cross is God’s way of salvation and His way of confounding man’s human intellect and knowledge.

**Jesus Stands Unique In His Personhood:**

1. Grace sets apart Christianity in a class all by itself.

2. In the gospel the offended party comes to seek and to save

 the offender.

3. Man-made religion is man’s attempt to discover, define and

 explain God.

4. Christianity proclaims we come to know God through

 revelation. Acts 17:22-34

 A. The ultimate revelation of God is made possible through

 the virgin birth, the sinless life, the sacrificial death and the

 triumphal resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Things To Remember When Sharing The Gospel:** Acts 18:1-11

1. Tell your story of how God saved you.

2. There will be a mixed reaction.

 A. Some will reject you.

 B. Some will ridicule you.

 C. Some will be interested in hearing more.

 D. Some will be ready to receive Jesus now.

3. The challenge for most people will be pride, logic, and

 self-sufficiency.

4. Recognize legitimate questions and answer them but refuse

 to get caught up in endless debates.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Never lose your wonder of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let what He has accomplished move you to share His love, life and light with others.

**Connection Group Homework**

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

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13: When it comes to sharing our faith, “our life is just as important as our words.”

What do you think Paul meant by sharing his life in verse 8?

What could it look like to share the Gospel and your life?

List a few of the character qualities that Paul modeled as he kept it simple and shared the good news.

Read Matthew 13:1-23: When we share the gospel, we can expect a mixed reaction.

Can you remember what kind of soil might have described your life when you first heard the good news? How about now?

If you could sow seeds into the life of anyone in your current circle of relationships and influence, who would you most like to see take a step closer to Jesus? What could you do or say that might help that happen?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:28-31. The intended effect of God’s wisdom is to exclude boasting in ourselves. With that in mind, explain the problem of being “wise in our own sight.”

According to verse 30, who is the reason you are in Christ?

What should our response to this message be?