THE MESSENGER & THE MESSAGE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

Paul was a gifted, articulate, careful, passionate, learned and fascinating man. Why does he present himself in "weakness and in fear and much trembling"?

🖋 How does this clarify for us the mission of Paul? Why did he travel? (Read Ephesians 3:1-6)

We are all gifted in unique ways and often these gifts lead to pride. What guidelines or verses can you think of when it comes to us using our strengths and gifts? (Read: 1 Corinthians 4:7)

🖋 How can we imitate Paul in his weakness? What does it mean for us to live in weakness? (Read: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

2 Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. What do you learn about the manner of Paul's preaching?

𝕐 How does the manner of Paul's preaching differ to a TED talk or contemporary forms of rhetoric?

🖋 Is Paul arguing against articulate preaching in churches? If not, what is he trying to argue against?

3 Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. What do you learn about the content of Paul's preaching? (Also Read 1 Corinthians 1:17; 2:13; 15:3-7;)

How would you articulate the Gospel to someone today?

Christ has sent us to preach. But how should we preach? How should we communicate the gospel? It seems like it is possible to preach the gospel in ways that empty the cross of its power? (1 Cor 1:17)

4	One commentator wrote: "The Gospel solves every issue Paul addresses in 1 Corinthians because the gospel (and its presuppositions and onsequences) is decisive for every issue regarding how Christians should live." Study some of the Problem-Gospel solutions pairs in 1 Cor- nthians:	
	🖋 Issue 1: 1 Corinthians 1:10-421 - Some Corinthian Christians were dividing over church teachers. Gosp	el Solution: Read (1 Cor 1:18-25)
	Issue 2: Some Corinthian Christians were eating food offered to idols in a way that did not build up their neighbors or in a way that participated with demons. Gospel Solution: Read (1 Cor 9:1-6, 15-18)	
	🖋 Issue 3: Some Corinthian Christians were bringing lawsuits against one another/ Gospel Solution: Read (1 Cor 6:9-11)	
5	Paul points to the fact that the Spirit is ultimately who transforms the believer. Paul tells the Corinthians, that they should view their own conversions as proof of the Spirit working despite the weakness of man. Would you be willing to share the work of the Spirit in your heart that brought you to understand the Gospel. This doesn't have to be a full testimony. May be use phrases like:	PRAYER REQUESTS
	I used to believe and then I	
	My faith used to lie in and now	