

LG NOTES - 1 Corinthians #4 – FOOL FOR CHRIST

Before going live:

1. Watch <https://youtu.be/Hcwhlot4W7o>

Live discussion:

Read 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:3; 4:6-14 together.

Discussion:

1. A fool's message

Paul speaks of the foolishness of the Gospel message itself (1 Corinthians 1:18: 'The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God')

- In what ways is the gospel message foolish?
- Do you think Paul was feeling the need to remind the Corinthian church of just how central the cross was to the Christian faith? Why?

2. A fool's wisdom

Paul encourages the Corinthians to embrace this foolishness 1 Cor 3: 18,19: '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 you rather trust in – the so-called foolishness of the cross or the wisdom of mankind?

3. A fool's lifestyle

Paul has the expectation that this foolishness will overflow into their behaviours (*ref Fool for Christ clip*).

- Are we going to pull back from taking risks of faith and stepping out into situations where we might see God acting because it is too embarrassing / too painful to our pride?
- Or because we fear God may not answer? Do you think we make it all about the results? How does this affect our behaviour?
- We want to see the lost saved, the sick healed, the broken restored, but is this our primary goal? If not, then what is?

Activity:

Write down what your own takeaway message from this teaching is. Share it with someone.

Ministry:

Let our ministry be the response to what the Holy Spirit is teaching us.