



## **#4: *The Cage of Assumptions* – Growth Group Discussion**

**WARM UP:** Who is one of the smartest persons you've ever known personally? What contributed to them being so smart?

What are some of your favorite stories from the Bible where God moved in a totally unpredictable/counterintuitive way?

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5**

- What is some of the worst advice/counsel you've received?
- V19-20: How has God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Why might God choose to make the wisdom of this world foolish?

- V22: What were the Jews looking for? How was Christ a stumbling block?

What were the Greeks looking for? How was Christ a stumbling block?

- V26-30: Corinth was a city with many wealthy, educated, affluent people. What 'strikes' did the members of the Corinthian church have against them?

Why did God choose to advance the Gospel through them?

What attributes do you (or your family) possess that you could boast about?

What “strikes” do you have against you that might make you think, “Oh, God could never work through me!”?

- VV 1:31-2:5: What was Paul’s strategy for advancing the Gospel?
- What do you think Paul means when he says that the foolish and lowly things will shame the wise and strong?
- In your own words, how would you contrast the wisdom of the world vs. God’s wisdom?
- How do you reconcile trusting in God’s wisdom over the world’s vs. loving God with your whole mind (not checking your brain at the door)?
- What principles do you need to apply from this passage?

*Trust in the Lord with all of your heart; lean not on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. – Proverbs 3:5-6*

- Where, in your life, do you need to trust God’s wisdom vs. the world’s?

If you haven’t yet, take some time to agree on and commit to a way of **SERVING TOGETHER** as a group. If you need some ideas, contact Pastor Bryan ([bryan.pohlen@mitchellwesleyan.com](mailto:bryan.pohlen@mitchellwesleyan.com)).