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Study to show "The Way of True Life." Bible Study Outline

TOPIC: **Wisdom**
TEXT: **1Corinthians 1:18-31**

Instructions: Read the above passages each time you come together to study this topic so everyone can participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information and develop follow-up questions. *Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: A college student drops his plans to pursue a law degree and goes overseas as a missionary. A young woman refuses to work the sixteen-hour days that are required to move up the corporate ladder so that she can work with the youth group in her church. A businessman in his forties leaves his career and moves his family and children to another state to begin seminary. A retired couple puts their lifetime savings into a Christian bookstore to serve their community.

Each of these decisions might be regarded as wise or foolish, depending on who you ask. And it is not just non-Christians who disagree about whether these are good decisions-Christians would also have different views about them.

Discussion Questions:

1. When has a person you regarded as wise taken a surprising (and perhaps foolish) risk? What risk (for God) do you regret not taking?
2. In what ways are wisdom and foolishness contrasted in this passage?
3. How do you react to how foolishness is described here?
4. Why is the cross wisdom to some but foolishness to others (vs. 18, 23-24)?
5. How would you define foolishness from this text?
6. How does God's view of wisdom contrast with the world's view (vs. 19-21)?
7. In what ways do many "wise" people today-scholars, philosophers, and scientists get along without God?
8. What aspect of the world's so-called wisdom has influenced you?
9. Notice the contrast between wisdom and strength (vs. 26- 29). What value does social standing have in God's eyes?

10. What does Christ offer us (vs. 24, 30)? What difference do these gifts make in our lives?

11. What does it mean to boast in the Lord (v. 31)?

12. From this passage, how would you define wisdom?

13. Think of the Christian people you know. Who is a model of wisdom, and why? How can you go about pursuing the wisdom of God?