

The world is not enough

Foolish power: the weak cross

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

Introduction

1. The message of the cross is folly to some and the power of God to others (v18)
2. Because God has deliberately chosen to thwart human wisdom and save through weakness (v19–21)
3. So, have confidence to stick with the message of the cross (v22–25)

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- What pressure does our culture exert on us to make the gospel more acceptable? How might we be tempted to move the cross from ‘centre stage’?
- How does seeing the judging and saving work of God through the message of the cross guard us from pursuing ‘words of eloquent wisdom’?
- How does seeing this shape our life as a church together?