

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
Topic: Wisdom. Faith.  
Study: First Corinthians  
Week: 11  
Series: 2 of 5

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# Head Games <sup>part 2</sup>

*Looking for Wisdom in All the Wrong Places*



*1 Cor. 1:22-25  
<sup>22</sup> Jews demand  
miraculous signs and  
Greeks look for  
wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we  
preach Christ  
crucified: a stumbling  
block to Jews and  
foolishness to  
Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to  
those whom God has  
called, both Jews and  
Greeks, Christ the  
power of God and the  
wisdom of God.  
<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness  
of God is wiser than  
man's wisdom, and  
the weakness of God  
is stronger than  
man's strength. (NIV)*

1. Curb \_\_\_\_\_

2. Let \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fully \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe a situation in which you "demanded" an answer or an experience from God.

Which are you more prone to seek from God, answers or experiences? Why do you think that is the case?

2. How has your faith in Christ been challenged when your desired answer or experience was not provided by God?

How would you advise a new Christian when it comes to "quests" or "demands" in his or her walk with God?

3. How does faith and humility in the Christian life compliment your capacities to know more and experience more in your relationship with God?

4. In what ways have you been reassured in the tough times of your life by revisiting and clinging to the core issues of Christ's forgiveness and redemption?

5. Write out a prayer that expresses your commitment to wholeheartedly embrace what God has done for you regardless of the questions and hurts that remain in your life.

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Is. 21-22 & 1Cor. 10*

**Monday**

*Is. 23-24 & 1Cor. 11*

**Tuesday**

*Is. 25-26 & 1Cor. 12*

**Wednesday**

*Is. 27-28 & 1Cor. 13*

**Thursday**

*Is. 29-30 & 1Cor. 14*

**Friday**

*Is. 31-32 & 1Cor. 15*

**Saturday**

*Is. 33-34 & 1Cor. 16*

*Here are some resources to help you understand the use and abuse of human knowledge and experience.*

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