

Living by the
WISDOM of
the **CROSS**
1 Corinthians

Complete these question **BEFORE** your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

1Corinthians 4
Foolish faithful
servants

TO PONDER:

In forming an opinion about a Christian leader, what factors do you consider, honestly?

Read 1Corinthians 4.1-7

What lessons of Christian leadership does the apostle offer here?

How do such lessons contradict the wisdom of the world that so infected the Corinthians' thinking?

What lessons are there for us as we "assess" Christian leaders?

Read 1Corinthians 4.7-13

From what Paul writes, (note the irony) how did the Corinthians view themselves?

How does this compare with how Paul describes himself & the other apostles?

How does Paul's description fit with vv1-5?

In what ways are these verses confronting & disturbing to us & our way of thinking?

Read 1Corinthians 4.14-21

What do these verses teach us about Christian leadership?

What response is the apostle looking for?

How are these verses a good summary of the issues percolating through chapters 1-4?

Take some time to ponder prayerfully whether your view of success and what you aspire to is shaped by the message of the cross.