

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Keeping the Main Thing, the Main Thing

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Elevate Jesus in every way to experience God's power over everything. Keep the main thing (Jesus) the main thing to gain everything!

1) Elevate Jesus in our mind and with our mouth.

2) Elevate Jesus with a humble heart.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Getting Started

1. In thinking about our American culture, do you think people tend to elevate those who are self-confident (and perhaps prideful) or the humble (and perhaps self-effacing)? Why?
2. Growing up, do you think you struggled more with feelings of inadequacy or an exaggerated sense of self-importance? How has this changed through the years?
3. When you're engaged in a conversation, how have you been able to point people to Jesus?

Digging into the Text

4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 and respond:
 - In your own words, summarize Paul's main point.
 - In v. 1-2, why would using 'lofty speech' be counter-productive to what Paul is wanting to communicate to the Corinthians?
 - Why was it important for Paul to demonstrate his own "weakness" and "fear"?
 - Based on vv. 3-5, what are some key ideas about how to effectively share the gospel and build the faith of others?

Applying It to My Life

5. Consider some ways that you might have become distracted from keeping Jesus as the main thing.
6. How can you elevate Him more in your head, heart and conversations this week?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to help others treasure and trust Jesus more?