

# The Inverted Life of Faith: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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## Key Truth:

God inverts our life so we can trust in his Power and boast in his Son.

One of the reasons people often misunderstand the Christian Life is that it is so counter-intuitive. What we consider important is not necessarily what God values. In the Christian Life Jesus inverts our values system, turning upside-down those things we thought as unbelievers to be true and important. In truth, the things Jesus turns upside-down, he is actually turning right-side up.

## DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on living **The Inverted Life of Faith**:

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**1. Not-So-Powerful People.** (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

In verse 26, Paul encourages his readers to consider their calling. How did they stack up in light of the world's standards? Why was it important to examine themselves in light of the world's standards?

In what ways does God's choice of not-so-powerful people end up shaming the powerful of this world (1:27-28)?

What kinds of things would someone say or do who is boasting in the Lord and not in themselves (1: 29 & 31)?

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**2. Not-So-Eloquent Words.** (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

In 1 Corinthians 2:2, Paul declares that he has "decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." Knowing Paul's understanding of many other things, it is clear that Paul doesn't mean he is ignorant of other things. Interpreting 2:2 in light of verses 1-4, how might you restate what Paul means here?

How would your words and actions be different if you "decided to know nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified?"

Why is it important that our faith rest on the power of God and not in the wisdom of men (2:5)?

## DO

Share with the group one thing you did this past week or will do in the week to come that demonstrates your weakness and God's strength before others.