"Nonsense, Part 2 (The Reach of the Cross)"

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

BIG IDEA: What difference does the Cross make?

"I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2 (CSB)

Consider whom the Cross reaches. (v26-29)

- o The Cross reaches all social classes.
- The Cross reaches the "foolish".
- The Cross <u>reaches</u> the "<u>weak</u>".
- o The Cross reaches the loathed.

Consider what the Cross accomplishes. (v30-31)

- o The Cross brings us wisdom.
- o The Cross brings us <u>righteousness</u>.
- o The Cross brings us sanctification.
- The Cross brings us <u>redemption</u>.

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READ: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

THINK: Reflect on Paul's continued message about the Cross of Jesus Christ, then ask yourself these questions: What do verses 26-29 tell you about those who comprise the Church at Corinth? Why is the impact of the Cross so radical compared to the philosophies and ideas of the world? In v30, Paul uses four terms to describe what Christ is for those who trust Him and His work on the Cross. How would you define each one: wisdom (see Colossians 2:2, 8-10)? Righteousness (see Romans 3:22)? Sanctification (see Galatians 2:20)? Redemption (see 1 Peter 1:18-19)? **DO**: How can you draw attention to the Cross of Jesus Christ this week in a way that honors Him and helps others?