

YOUR STORY, GOD'S GLORY

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1 Corinthians 1:26–29 (ESV)
26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

1. Consider _____ (v.26)

2. See _____ (vv.27-28)

3. Never _____ (v.29)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26. Why are we naturally impressed when someone wealthy, powerful, famous, or influential becomes a Christian? What does that reaction reveal about how we measure someone's potential usefulness to God? How should Paul's command to "consider your calling" correct that way of thinking?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:27–28 and Deuteronomy 7:6–11. How should understanding the way God chooses His people change the way we evaluate other people? What worldly standards of significance are you most tempted to bring into the church? How might those standards affect whom you respect, pursue relationships with, listen to, or overlook?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:29 and 1 Timothy 1:12–17. We often prefer to tell stories that make us look good, but Paul repeatedly told a story that made him look terrible and Christ look great. Why was Paul so willing to talk openly about who he had been? How can we tell the story of God's work in our lives without either glorifying our past sin or sanitizing it in order to protect our reputation?

4. What is your 15-second testimony? Using the framework "There was a time in my life when... But God... Now I am...," take a moment to formulate it, then share it with your group. How does your testimony make God rather than you the hero of your story?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 15th
Ezekiel 10-12 & Heb 11:1-19
November 16th
Ezekiel 13-15 & Heb 11:20-40
November 17th
Ezekiel 16 & Hebrews 12
November 18th
Ezekiel 17-19 & Hebrews 13
November 19th
Ezekiel 20-21 & James 1
November 20th
Ezekiel 22-23 & James 2
November 21st
Ezekiel 24-26 & James 3
November 22nd
Ezekiel 27-28 & James 4

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