

# THE REST OF THE STORY

## Big Idea Discussion Questions | July 27, 2025

**MESSAGE:** Redefining Success

**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-20 NIV

**BIG IDEA:** *True success is found by embracing the way of the cross.*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The cross is a reminder to stop chasing what the world defines as success and instead to live a life of service of others.

1. *How does “choosing to lose” challenge your view of success?*
2. *Who is in your “court of public opinion,” and how does their approval influence your choices?*
3. *What parts of Paul’s “resume” would be applauded today and how did he come to view them differently?*
4. *Why do you think so many Christians reduce the cross to a belief rather than a daily lifestyle?*
5. *How is God’s power revealed in your life when you respond with things like patience, gentleness, or self-control?*

### CHALLENGE

This week, identify one situation where you feel the need to “win”—whether in an argument, a work setting, or a relational dynamic. Pause, reflect, and intentionally choose to lose. Then journal about how that decision impacted you and those around you.

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