

**Easter 2018**  
**“The Foolishness of God”**  
**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

What you do with the cross determines your **destiny**.

The cross is **foolishness**:

- if you see it as a good **luck charm**.
- if you see it as a **tragic** death.
- if Jesus has not been **resurrected**.

So people **stumble** over the cross.

But because Jesus HAS BEEN **resurrected**,

The cross is full of God’s **power**:

- to **save** you.
- to **forgive** you.
- to **fill** you with His love and strength.
- to give you new **life**.

The **message** of the cross is:

- Jesus died so we could be **forgiven**
- Jesus was **raised** so we could have new life

**Surrender** your life to the Lord of the cross.

**LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life**

1. What’s the most foolish thing you’ve ever done?
2. Is there anything you do in your life that might be considered superstitious?
3. When you see a baseball player make the sign of the cross, what do you think that means?
4. What are ways that people treat the cross as more superstition and religious artifact than a reminder of Jesus’ death? Have you ever done this?
5. What would you say to a person who says “believing in the idea of a man’s death on the cross 2000 years ago somehow being for me is foolishness”?
6. In the sermon, Pastor Jim said “Just as you don’t have a cross without both the vertical and horizontal pieces so you don’t have the message of the cross without both Jesus’s death AND resurrection.” Why is this so?