



Psalms 14:1; Romans 1:18-25

**1. God's way of _____ is not like the world's way.
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Isaiah 29:14; 2 Kings 17**

- A. Human wisdom and intelligence will _____.
- B. The message of the Cross is foolish to the unbeliever.
- C. Those who follow Christ will believe, _____, and behave differently than the world.

There's a massive gap between the perception of Christianity in the world and on social media, and the reality of who Christians are and what they do.

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CULTURAL NARRATIVE #1

Christians aren't really pro-life; they're just pro-birth.

- The data tells a different story. Rates of adoption of all US households is 2%. Among practicing Christians it's _____%.

CULTURAL NARRATIVE #2

Christians are sexually repressive and anti-sez, creating a toxic purity culture.

- Church-going, conservative Christians are in the category with the most fulfilling sex lives in America.

CULTURAL NARRATIVE #3

Christianity is emotionally repressive and bad for your mental health.

- Regular church-goers were the only segment of the population whose mental health actually _____ in pandemic-wracked 2020.

**2. The message of the Cross is _____, yet profound.
1 Corinthians 1:27-29**

3. If we boast, boast only about the Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

**4. Don't overcomplicate the _____ of the Gospel.
1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from March 27, 2022

1. **1 Peter 3:18** sums up the Good News in this, "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." When we share this simple yet profound truth we can expect a mixed reaction. We looked at the parable of the four soils this weekend. Go back and read Jesus' story in **Matthew 13:1-23**.

Can you remember what kind of soil might have described your life when you first heard the Good News? How about now?

2. One effective means of sharing the Gospel with others is the "Roman Road." Whether you are a new Christian, a long-time Christian, or still trying to understand Christianity, these verses can help us understand our need for salvation and how a relationship with Christ begins. As you read each verse, jot down what essential truth each passage communicates about our relationship with Christ.

- **Romans 1:19-20**
- **Romans 3:23**
- **Romans 6:23**
- **Romans 5:8**
- **Romans 10:9-11**

3. "Our life is just as important as our words." **1 Thessalonians 2:1-13** gives us a great picture of what sharing both looks like. Read the passage and answer the following questions.

What do you think Paul meant by sharing his life in verse 8?

What could it look like to share the Gospel in your life? Who can you invite to Easter at Southside?

List a few of the character qualities that Paul modeled as he kept it simple and shared the Good News.

Take a few minutes and talk to God. Thank Him for what He has done for you. Ask Him to help you understand how you might share the Good News with others.