

Missions: An Adventure In Faith

STUDY NO: 2

TOPIC: Paul – The Missionaries Message - The Cross

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 1:17- 2:16, and also Matthew 16:24, Matthew 23:34, Mark 10:21,22, Luke 9:23, 14:27, Galatians 2:20, 5:11,24; 6:12-14

HOW TO STUDY THIS LESSON:

Open in prayer asking God for truth and wisdom from His Word.

Read the Bible passage

Answer the questions, writing the answers in the space provided.

Take about 3-5 minutes per question.

Fill in the "Personal Application" section

If you have time write down prayer points for members of the group.

Close in prayer.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What was Paul's main message? (1 Corinthians 1:17-23, 2:2)

2. What is the message of the cross? (Acts 2:22-36) What are the benefits? (1 Corinthians 1:24-31)
What are the costs? (Galatians 6:12-14)

3. What is the glory of the cross? Why was Paul so enthusiastic to preach its message?
(Romans 1:16,17, 1 Corinthians 1:24.30, 2 Corinthians 3:9-18, Colossians 1:20, 2:13-15, 2Timothy 2:10)

4. Why are missionaries to proclaim the cross? (1 Corinthians 2:1-9)

5. Why are they not to use "enticing words of man's wisdom"? (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

6. What did Jesus say about Christians and the cross? (Matthew 16:24, Matthew 23:34, Mark 10:21,22, Luke 9:23, 14:27)

7. Why do you think people find the message of the cross so offensive? (1 Corinthians 1:18,23,27 Galatians 5:11, 6:12)

8. How does "taking up our cross" separate us from "the world"? (Matthew 16:24, Galatians 6:14, 1 John 2:15-17) How does this seem to apply to those in missionary service? (1 Corinthians 4:9-16)

9. What does the cross do to our old nature? (Romans 6:6; Galatians 2:21,22, 5:24)

10. Why do false teachers avoid teaching about the cross? (Galatians 6:12-14, Colossians 2:8-23)

11. True or false? "To proclaim the gospel is to proclaim the Good News of what Jesus did for us on the cross and to teach those who believe to take up their cross in obedience to all the teachings of Jesus." (Matthew 28:18-220, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5) What are some of the implications of this for church life and for missionary service?

12. How do you personally feel about the Cross?

PERSONAL APPLICATION – a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim, a deed to do, an attitude to change....

PRAYER POINTS - Use "Operation World" by Patrick Johnstone to pray for: China