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Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of September 1st, 2024

OVERVIEW

In 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Paul contrasts the world's wisdom with God's wisdom, emphasizing that the message of the cross may seem foolish to those who don't believe, but it is the power of God for those who are being saved. God deliberately chose what the world sees as weak and foolish to reveal His strength and wisdom, so that no one can boast before Him. Paul urges believers to boast only in the Lord, recognizing that their righteousness, sanctification, and redemption come through Christ alone.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What's the most interesting place you've ever visited, and why did it stand out to you? **Or** What was your favorite activity or hobby as a child, and do you still enjoy it?

Activity: Plan a "mission" day with your Ohana Group!

PRAYER

Pray as a group: Ask God to help you boldly proclaim the message of the cross, which is foolishness to the world, but is the power and wisdom of God.

QUESTIONS: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

1. How does Paul contrast worldly wisdom with the wisdom of God?
2. Why do you think God chose to use what the world considers foolish and weak to shame the wise and strong?
3. How does Paul's message about God choosing the lowly and despised challenge our own values and priorities?
4. How does understanding that God chose us despite our weaknesses encourage you in your faith journey?
5. How does the message of the cross shape the identity and mission of our church community?
6. How can we ensure that our church remains a place where God's power, rather than human strength, is celebrated?
7. What role does humility play in fostering unity within our church, especially considering Paul's teaching that no one can boast before God?

APPLICATION

1. Worldly wisdom is all around us and can easily penetrate our mind and heart. What kind of worldly wisdom have you encountered? How can you apply the message of the cross in your daily life to prioritize God's wisdom over worldly wisdom?
2. As an Ohana Group that bears the message of the cross, how has God called out your group into fellowship with God, one another, and the community?

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