

**FAC Small Group Questions
Sunday Sermon May 16, 2021**

Icebreaker Opening Question:

Was there ever a sermon that really impacted you in a profound way? If so, what was the occasion and what was its impact?

The church: A people of hope for the world: 1 Corinthians 1: 17 – 2:5

1. Have you ever thought about the qualities of a good sermon? What would you say they are? And how would today's text and today's message inform how we think about preaching?

2. According to the text, why has God chosen to use the preaching ministry in his Church, and where does the power for preaching come from?

3. In 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 Paul talks about his own personal weakness and how God uses it to make him effective as a preacher. What does this teach about the type of person God chooses to use? Where have you seen this to be true in your life as God has used you?

4. In the Corinthian church some wanted to move beyond the Gospel – Christ crucified. Does that temptation still exist today? If so, how does it show itself?

5. In Matthew 13 Jesus talks about the four soils of the human heart and how its condition is critical in receiving the word being preached. Based on Jesus' teaching, what is the role of the listener in the preaching moment for the sake of good fruit being produced?

6. Pastor Paul wrote, "When the Word of God is preached, something always happens." Based on the Corinthians text and Matthew 13, what is the work that God is doing when the Word is being preached?

7. Bonus Question: Why is it so important to preach the Gospel to ourselves every day?

Pray for each other as a group thanking Him for the Church and his promise that he will build his church.