

# PEOPLE OF PASSION: FEELING FOOLISH

· All In Group Discussion Guide  
· Week of March 17

## SCRIPTURES

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### Luke 23:31-43

For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?' Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Opening Question:

What is your favorite music?

### Questions:

1. How would you define the term "fool?" What makes someone foolish?
2. In regards to the criminal on the left, Pastor Lara notes, "Some find great safety in cynicism despite that that very cynicism imprisons them a self-perpetuating closed cycle of contempt." Where do you see cynicism in your life? In our culture?
3. For the criminal on the right, recognizing his guilt opens his heart to God. What opens your heart to God?
4. How might God be calling you to be foolish in living out your faith?

### Closing Question & Application:

What did God say to you during the conversation today? How might you live out that learning this week?

### Prayer:

This week, we invite you to do an "agreement prayer." Have one person open and close in prayer. In the middle allow people space to pray "in agreement" about one topic: reconciliation. Where in your lives, communities, and world do we need to ask God to bring forgiveness and reconciliation?

