

**1 Paul was a gifted, articulate, careful, passionate, learned and fascinating man.** Why does he present himself in “weakness and in fear and much trembling”?

 *How does this clarify for us the mission of Paul? Why did he travel? (Read Ephesians 3:1-6)*

 *We are all gifted in unique ways and often these gifts lead to pride. What guidelines or verses can you think of when it comes to us using our strengths and gifts? (Read: 1 Corinthians 4:7)*

 *How can we imitate Paul in his weakness? What does it mean for us to live in weakness? (Read: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)*

**2 Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.** What do you learn about the manner of Paul's preaching?

 *How does the manner of Paul's preaching differ to a TED talk or contemporary forms of rhetoric?*

 *Is Paul arguing against articulate preaching in churches? If not, what is he trying to argue against?*

**3 Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.** What do you learn about the content of Paul's preaching? (Also Read 1 Corinthians 1:17; 2:13; 15:3-7)

 *How would you articulate the Gospel to someone today?*

 *Christ has sent us to preach. But how should we preach? How should we communicate the gospel? It seems like it is possible to preach the gospel in ways that empty the cross of its power? (1 Cor 1:17)*

