# THE CROSS: ANEW START

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God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are ...

- 1 Corinthians 1:28 (NIV)



#### **PRAY**

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Thank God for allowing us to join Him in His mission.
- Pray for grace to hear and submit to God's plan and purpose for your life.

#### MEDITATE

### **Engage**

Start the conversation with this question...

What is your favorite brain game? Why is it your favorite?

# **Key Points**

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- The true meaning of life is tied to death:
   Jesus' death on the cross.
- God's ways are counterintuitive to our ways. The smartest one among us can never fathom what He is thinking.
- He is sovereign and all His ways are perfect.
- God is the hero of the story! We are weak, foolish, and unchosen, but He allows us to take part in His mission.
- In Christ, we have righteousness, holiness, redemption, allowing us to live freely in right standing with God.

### Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- Where would you generally look for wisdom and power? What are your usual methods for seeking advice?
- In which areas would you say you are weak and foolish? It's important to acknowledge that you don't have it all together.
- How easy or hard has it been for you to submit yourself to God's way of living?

#### **PROCLAIM**

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

## **Key Truth**

In Christ, I can live freely in right standing with God.

# Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Pray that you will seek for true answers from God alone. Pray to hear and understand, even if the answer is counterintuitive.
- Pray for the grace to submit yourself to God's way of living, which brings real freedom.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

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