For group discussion or individual reflection

Understanding the Challenge

Seven key themes that make our times different:

1. The death of truth – something can be true for you without being true for me
2. The impact of the mass media
3. Consumerism and personal choice
4. Right and wrong are a matter of individual lifestyle decision
5. Re-inventing yourself in different situations
6. Tribalism and tolerance
7. The irrelevance of Christianity – it is just your private truth, with nothing to say to the wider world

READ: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1. What forms does 'the wisdom of the world' (v.20) take in our times?

2. What are the contemporary equivalents of 'Jews demand[ing] signs and Greeks look[ing] for wisdom'? (v.22)

3. Can you identify specific examples of 'the wisdom of the world' at work in your friends, neighbours, or colleagues? In yourself?

4. What does it mean to say that God has 'made foolish the wisdom of the world'? (v. 20)