

Session 18

The life changing power of the Gospel; the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is said to be foolishness to the perishing in 1 Corinthians 1:18, but to us who are saved, it is the power of God. This message in its essence seems so simple, yet there are many that choose not to believe or even hear with openness this life saving message. In session 18 of Think Like a Detective, J. Warner Wallace makes an interesting case for those that choose not to hear the message of life and hope. Rational, evidential objections can be squashed by reading God's word, by exposing light into the darkness of the lost. Since rational rejection can be easily overcome by the evidence of Scripture, it is unlikely the true culprit of rejection. When we speak about emotional objection I like what a pastor friend once said about Christianity. He said there are two reasons people become or do not become Christians. (1) Because they have met one (2) Because they have met one. Church hurt and church burn comes in all shapes and sizes. It is critical that we lean in to these hurts and hear them out. Usually the root cause of the emotional response can be boiled down to a miscommunication or some form of personal preference that has no foot hold in Kingdom work. Lastly, volitional rejection is usually the hardest to overcome. Jeremiah 17:9 says "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" When we acknowledge that we are all sinful, we are all deceitful, when we all have been in this state before Christ, we realize what we need. We need the life saving, life changing power of the Gospel. It is a supernatural work that requires supernatural help. Prayer is a powerful weapon against this darkness and people's unwillingness to receive. Who will you be praying for today. Go ahead, pray, push back against the darkness on behalf of someone that needs to know Christ today.