Fools
Jesters and Funny People
Fools in a biblical sense
Psalm 14:1 – a choice to live as God doesn’t exist
Proverbs 14:9 – makes fun of sin
No boundaries to protect the fool

A Foolish Heart – Ecclesiastes 10:1-3
Dead flies and perfume don’t mix
One foolish choice ruins a whole lot of wisdom
Right hand - Protection provided by wisdom (Psalm 16:8)
Left hand – Lacks Protection which wisdom would have provided
What’s inside makes its way outside – will be seen
What follows are examples of fools and their foolish behavior

A Foolish Leader – Ecclesiastes 10:4-7
Anger rules
The wrong people on the bus (“Good to Great” by Jim Collins)

A Foolish Worker – Ecclesiastes 10:8-11
Overconfident and cocky
Wasted time

A Foolish Talker – Ecclesiastes 10:12-14
Words kill
Predicts the future – makes assumptions
Talks too much

A Foolish Servant – Ecclesiastes 10:15-20
Wrong spot
Wrong heart
Wrong solutions
Wrong talk

Fools for Jesus
1. Sold out for the story of Jesus – Believe It!
Matthew 28:16-20
Go make disciples
Teach to obey – love God and love others
1 Corinthians 15:1-4
Something to believe in!

2. Sold out to live life for Jesus – Counter-Cultural Lifestyle!
1 Corinthians 4:10-13 “fools for Christ”
Apostle Paul traded in the easy life to be a “fool for Christ”
Fear God – boundaries
Fool for Christ – One way Jesus, sex, marriage, simplicity, and people in the margins
Comedy Central
Share your favorite joke…

Finish the sentence. The problem with comedy today is…

Be Wise
Read Proverbs 1:1-7 and Ecclesiastes 10:1-3
How is the fool described?

What does it mean to “fear the Lord?”

Why do we become wise when we “fear the Lord?”

How do you distinguish the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

How to Be the Fool
Read Proverbs 26:1-12
How is the fool described in this passage?

How are we to interact with the fool?

Read Luke 12:13-21
Why is the rich man a fool?

What can we do to make sure we’re not like the foolish rich man?

Fools for Jesus
Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Why is the cross “foolishness” to people?

Why would those who embrace the cross be considered fools for Jesus?

Disciples of Jesus are going to “obey everything” He has commanded. (Matthew 28:20)
This will put us at odds with culture and we will be fools for Jesus.
What does culture teach concerning the following lifestyle choices?
What does Jesus teach? Scripture reference? Why are we tempted to go along with culture?

*Pluralism
*Sex
*Marriage
*Stuff we buy
*The marginalized

Have you ever felt like a “fool for Christ?” When? How did you respond?

Where in your life do you need to be a “fool for Christ” and live for Jesus?