

A Better Way: The Spirit Of God

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Life Group Questions – March 4, 2018



Connect

Of the 5 senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing), which one do you notice the most?

Study

1. Corinthians loved knowledge; what they called “wisdom.” (see **1 Cor. 1:22**). They saw knowledge as power. Discuss ways we Americans pursue knowledge today.
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-8.** God’s wisdom, however, is not the wisdom of this age. What can result (why does it matter) if people don’t understand God’s wisdom?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:9.** Human knowledge/wisdom = what we can know with our 5 senses. Such knowledge is a blessing, but it has limits. What does verse 9 tell us we will miss if we trust only what we can see, hear and conceive with our minds?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-15.** Ten times in these verses Paul mentions the Spirit (of God). How do these verses tell us the Spirit helps us live the Christian life?
5. On the back of this week’s message notes, you’ll find more about the Holy Spirit. Take time to review this, then share what you appreciate about the Spirit of God.
6. How does a person without the Spirit (vs 14) respond to what the Spirit has to share? Have a friend, family member, classmate, co-worker who thinks Christianity’s foolish?
7. Last week we learned: *the wisdom of God = Christ crucified on the cross.* (cf. **1 Cor. 1:18,23; 2:2**). The Holy Spirit helps us understand all that the cross means. What does Jesus’ dying on the cross mean to you personally?
8. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:16.** The Holy Spirit gives us “*the mind of Christ*.” Paul says having the mind (or mindset) of Christ will impact how we treat each other (read **Philippians 2:1-8** and list how we will act if we have “*the mind of Christ*”?
9. Is receiving the Spirit of God (if we have), meant to make us proud or humble? Why?

Pray

In prayer, practice conscious dependence & gratitude. **Admit** the limits of your own human wisdom. **Affirm** your need for the Holy Spirit. [NOTE: If you know you don’t yet have His Spirit, ask Him to give you His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).] **Thank** the Holy Spirit for opening your eyes and empowering you to live the Christian life. This week, pray often, “*Help me, Holy Spirit, to know & love Jesus.*”