

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS
for the Week of May 28, 2017

<p>LIFE TOGETHER IN A DIVIDED WORLD <i>True Wisdom: The Mind of Christ</i> 1 Corinthians 2:6-16</p>

1. The Corinthians relished such themes and terms as *wisdom, knowledge, spiritual,* and *mature*. Paul considers all these “buzz words” in his letter, but he decisively redefines what they mean for Christians. How would you describe or identify a *mature* Christian? What are some key traits of a mature disciple?

2. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16.** While there is an inherent “foolishness” to the gospel in the eyes of the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25), there is also a wisdom that the Corinthians must understand in order to overcome their divisiveness. How does God’s wisdom differ from the wisdom of humanity?

Greek philosophers were respected as people who could search out deep truths. In contrast, how does Paul say the truth of the gospel is discovered (vv. 10-13)? Why is this significant for the Corinthians’ unity?

3. Today many people say, “*I’m spiritual, but not religious,*” meaning they define their spirituality in all kinds of subjective or emotional ways that may or may not have anything to do with the God revealed in the Bible. In contrast to this, what would Paul say is the mark of true *Christian* spirituality?

What does the Holy Spirit do for us according to 2:12-16?

4. The Corinthians apparently believed that special esoteric knowledge or wisdom of God was reserved only for a second-stage elite group of Christians (or those whom they would call “mature”). How does the “secret wisdom” Paul refers to in 2:7 differ from such a notion? How has this wisdom now been revealed to *everyone*?

5. We often hear 2:9 quoted at funerals, referring to the glory that will be revealed to believers in eternity after they die. But what is Paul actually referring to here in the actual context of this passage?

6. What is Paul getting at in 2:10-13? What is he trying to get across to the Corinthians? How would you paraphrase this passage?

7. What do you think Paul means when he says, “The spiritual man makes judgment about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man’s judgment” (2:15)?

8. What does it mean that believers have “the mind of Christ” (2:16)? If this is true, why is there often so much division and lack of unity in the church?