



Growth Group Discussion Guide

"Growing Upward, Inward, Outward, and Forward"

For the Week of February 14, 2016



1 Corinthians 2:6-16

God's Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him— 10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Sermon Outline

- In chapter 2 Paul confronts the church about seeking worldly wisdom rather than the wisdom of God, which is the gospel.
- In verses 6-16 Paul explains that in order to receive the wisdom of God, one must have the Holy Spirit.
- Although the church at Corinth knew Christ and had the Spirit, their focus was worldly rather than spiritual.
- In order to live in the Spirit we must be in communion with God, which requires prayer and time in Scripture, and we must be living in obedience to God with regard to others, which calls for community and sharing our faith.
- This passage serves as a good reminder for us that we are citizens of heaven. We are not of this world. So the things of God must be our priority.

WELCOME – Getting to Know Each Other Better

- Do you have any nicknames? If not, did you ever want one?
- What are you really good at?

WORD - Applying Scripture to Our Lives

1. Can you think of any ways we seek worldly wisdom rather than biblical wisdom (even as Christians)?
2. Why does Paul say that we need the Holy Spirit to understand the things of God?
3. What role do you feel the Holy Spirit plays in your life?
4. What are some ways we can live life in the Spirit according to the Wheel illustration in the sermon?

5. Thinking back to the Matrix movie clip, how do you think Neo's worldview changed once he took the red pill?
6. How does this compare to becoming a Christian and taking on your new identity as a child of God?
7. What helps you to remember to live for eternity rather than the temporary things of this life?
8. If you have a decent amount of Bible knowledge, but still don't feel mature in your faith, what do you think is missing?
9. How might our group serve together on a regular basis so we might be able to implement what we learn spiritually?

WITNESS - Prayer Concerns from my Growth Group:

- Who has God placed in your life who does not know Christ?
- How can we pray for your spiritual growth tonight?
- What other prayer concerns do you have?