

SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE

To maximize benefit of this study, it's best to complete in advance.

[set up]

What was one aspects of the service this last weekend that really connected with you (maybe it was new to you, a refreshing reminder for you, or convicting to you)?

Have someone open in prayer for your group (for your hopes and goals for the time).

[digging deeper]

Review the teaching passage from Sunday – **1 Corinthian 2:6-16**.

What is one word, or verse or idea that grabbed your attention in this passage and why?

Paul was a highly educated individual. He had historical, cultural, political, social, and spiritual/biblical insights as well as the ability to debate, reason, and persuade his audiences to support his case of Jesus being the Jewish Messiah and the world's Savior. So why did he say what he said and take the approach he took according to verse 2?

How many times is the word "Spirit" used? What is the significance of that? How does it connect to what is seen in the passage about the wisdom of God and human wisdom?

Reread verse 14. What are the differences between the "natural" person and "spiritual" person? Share examples from your own life, story, or from conversations you have with your unbelieving friends that reflect the reality of verse 14.

Would you agree with the statement, "The cross of Christ gives us the wisdom of Christ through the Spirit of Christ"? Why or why not?

Do any other verses come to mind that support what you are seeing in 1 Corinthians 2:6-16?



[living it out]

What did you read or learn that:

- Is encouraging to you?
- Is convicting to you?
- Is motivating to you?

What is one action step you can take this week because of your time in this small study? For those who feel comfortable, please share with your LifeGroup your action step.

To help you identify an application from these verses, you can always use the acronym "SPECK." Is there a **Sin** to avoid? Is there a **Promise** to hold on to? Is there an **Example** to Follow? Is there a **Command** to obey? Is there **Knowledge** about God that I learned?

Based on what you learned this weekend and tonight, what is the best way you can pray for:

- Those in your life who do not know Christ?
- Those in your life who are immature believers or not walking close to Christ?
- Those who are mature and growing in their faith?

[close in prayer]

Spend time in prayer as a group. Use words, thoughts, concepts from 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 as a prayer guide as well as your insights, convictions, and desired applications. Keep in mind how to (1) Praise God, (2) Thank God, (3) Confess to God, and (4) Make requests of God for both yourself, your group, and our church as you pray

Also, pick a person from one of the three categories in the ways you can pray question above and pray for them. If your group is big enough, get into groups of 3-4 for the prayer time.

