

Human Wisdom Not Allowed

Assignment: Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Outline:

I. The Human Messenger (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

His Message (1 Cor. 2:1-2)

His Manner (1 Cor. 2:3-5)

II. The Divine Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

The Mystery of God (1 Cor. 2:6-10)

The Ministry of the Spirit (1 Cor. 2:11-16)

Starter Questions

1. How did God speak to you through this passage?
2. What questions came to mind as you read this passage?
3. How is my life going to be different from reading this passage?

Potential Discussion Questions

1. How and why might a church exalt man and his limited knowledge instead of the wisdom of God?
2. Why is it important to include not only the love of God for sinners when witnessing but also the crucifixion of Christ?
3. What is the difference between the words of men and the Word of God? In what ways might people trust men's words rather than God's Word?
4. What truths would you consider the "deep things" of God? How can you develop greater spiritual wisdom and discernment?
5. What things have been "freely given to us of God" (v. 12) and how can we know them?
6. What characteristics should distinguish a church that accepts the Bible as God's infallible Word? What conduct should distinguish the believers in such a church?
7. Why would the unregenerate see the Bible and Christians as foolish? Why are some Christians intimidated by the ridicule of non-believers and afraid to take a public stand for Christ? Why do those concerns seem more important than Christ or the spiritual destinies of those around us? How can we overcome those fears and be a "sweet savour" to the world (2 Cor. 2:14-17; Eph. 5:2)?

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