

***STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS***  
***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

**Lesson 4 - Christ the Wisdom and Power of God (continued) - [1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#)**

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1CO 2:1 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.\* [2] For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. [3] I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. [4] My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, [5] so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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41. How did Paul's regard for the world's wisdom affect his preaching and testimony? ([2:1-5](#))
42. Why was it good that Paul came to Corinth in weakness and fear? ([2:3-5](#))
43. On what should our faith rest? ([2:5](#))
44. What does it mean to preach with a "demonstration of the Spirit's power"?
45. How can we make sure that our faith rests on God's power and not our own wisdom?

**Lesson 5 - Wisdom From the Spirit - [1 Corinthians 2:6-16](#)**

1CO 2:6 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 speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom 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:

"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him" --

1CO 2:10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. [11] For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, 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, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. [14] The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. [15] The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1CO 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Lesson 5 - Wisdom From the Spirit - [1 Corinthians 2:6-16](#)

46. What kinds of wisdom are there? ([2:6](#))
47. In what way does the world's wisdom fall short? ([2:6](#))
48. Where does the world's wisdom lead? ([2:6](#))
49. How does God's wisdom differ from the wisdom of this age? ([2:6-16](#))
50. What is God's secret wisdom that only the mature will attain? ([2:7](#))
51. How was Jesus' crucifixion related to the world's lack of understanding God's wisdom? ([2:8](#))
52. Why do people often fail to see God's purpose for them? ([2:9](#))
53. Why is it possible to understand God's wisdom only if His Spirit reveals it? ([2:9-16](#))
54. What characteristics will the wisdom that the Spirit teaches us have? ([2:13](#))
55. How are spiritual and unspiritual people different? ([2:15-16](#))
56. Who can make "judgments about all things"? Why? ([2:15-16](#))
57. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?

