

**Wednesday, July 9th**  
Spiritual Wisdom - 1 Corinthians 1-4

**Opening**

What's a big word that people use to try and impress others in everyday conversation?

**Digging Deeper**

Message Review: Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians by calling for unity. The church members are contending over who is the best teacher or leader because they put a high value on worldly sophistication. But Paul says worldly wisdom has nothing to do with spiritual wisdom or the real power of God. Our focus for discussion will be Paul's explanation of the wisdom that comes from God. **READ** 2 Corinthians 2:6-12

1. What does Paul mean by the phrase "wisdom of this world?" Is there any value in it? If so, in what ways? Where does the "wisdom of this world" ultimately lead? (See vs 6)

2. In verse 7 Paul describes the wisdom of God. When did God come up with His "wisdom?" Comparing this to 1 Peter 1:20-21 and Rev 13:8, what do you think is the central focus or truth of God's wisdom?

3. The wisdom of God is described as "hidden" v7, and not "known" v8, and not "seen" or "heard" v9. Who do you think is blind to it and why? Are there other scriptures that speak to this?

4. In verses 10-12 Paul talks about how a person comes to understand God's wisdom. What does Paul say is needed? How do you think it happens? Compare this to Proverbs 1:7. Is there a time that God has revealed His wisdom to you?

**Application**

1. What are some things we can do to grow in God's wisdom?

2. What are some things we can do to help others discover God's wisdom?

**Prayer**

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?

2. Pray for personal needs.