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Sermon: **The Right Kind of Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6-9)**

Date: **April 3, 2016**

In last week's study, we learned that a good sermon is not one that preaches man's wisdom, but rather it is one that preaches Christ and him crucified. The wisdom of men is not worth pursuing because it is not true wisdom. It is not from God and it cannot give faith. What kind of wisdom should we seek after? We will discover the answer to that question in this week's study. We will learn that God's wisdom is different than the world's wisdom. Worldly wisdom is rooted in pop culture, scientific theory, and political legislation, whereas God's wisdom is rooted in Scripture. As Christians, we do not rely on what is seen, heard, and imagined by this world. Instead we rely on what is revealed by the Spirit in the Word of God. The church has been commissioned to dispense truth and to preach Christ—the very wisdom and power of God.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

**Individual Bible Study**

1. Please read 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 and ensure that you've listened to Sunday's sermon.
  - a. In verse 6, Paul refers to "the mature." What makes someone *mature* in this context?
  - b. Who is Paul talking about when he mentions the "rulers of this age" in verse 6?
  - c. The rulers of this age are "doomed to pass away," (verse 6). What does this mean? How does this give us hope?
  - d. What are the characteristics of the world's wisdom and what are the characteristics of God's wisdom?
  - e. Verse 7 tells us that God's wisdom has been decreed before the ages "*for our glory.*" What does this mean?
  - f. Verse 8 refers to Christ as the "Lord of glory." What does this teach us about Jesus?
  - g. Paul quotes Isaiah 64:4 in verse 9. What is the significance of this quotation?

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- h. After studying 1 Corinthians 2:6-9, what is the one main thing you can take away from this passage?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:14-4:6 and answer the following questions:
- According to 3:14-16. How is the veil that blinds us to the wisdom of God removed?
  - Read. 3:17-18. What blessings do we receive through the Spirit once the veil is removed?
  - Read 4:1-6. How do we bring light to darkened hearts? As we do this, who ultimately is responsible for giving the “the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,” (v. 6)?

**Group Discussion Questions**

- How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
- Where does the world turn for its wisdom? Where in the world are you sometimes tempted to look for wisdom?
- We too were once blind to the wisdom of God until he revealed Christ to our hearts. How does this affect your attitude towards life, God, and others?
- God decreed our own glory before the foundations of the world (verse 7). How should our hearts respond to this truth? Why?
- Considering how evil our world is becoming, how does what we’ve learned affect the way our hearts view the world? How does what we’ve learned affect the way our hearts view God?