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Sermon: **Believe in the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)**

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Last week we saw that God’s wisdom is hidden from the world and the rulers of this age. However, God has revealed his wisdom to his people through his Spirit. This week, as we finish off 1 Corinthians 2, we are going to take an in depth look at the Holy Spirit’s role in the dispensing of wisdom. Through the Spirit, we have been given a far superior wisdom than the wisdom of this world. The same Spirit who understands God’s thoughts and who knows all things has been given to us. This means we have direct access at all times to God’s wisdom through the Spirit. Therefore, we do not need to stand under the world’s judgement or be on the defensive against the world’s schemes. Rather, we can have a humble confidence in the midst of opposition because we possess a secret, hidden knowledge. We possess the Holy Spirit.

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

Individual Bible Study

1. Please read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 and ensure that you’ve listened to Sunday’s sermon.
 - a. What do “these things” refer to at the beginning of verse 10?
 - b. What does it mean that the Spirit searches the “depths of God” (verse 10)?
 - c. According to verse 11, what is the Spirit able to comprehend? Why is this significant?
 - d. After studying verses 10-12, if we possess the Spirit, what else do we possess?
 - e. Verse 13 emphasizes the words of Scripture. How important is it to believe every word of Scripture? Why?
 - f. What are the characteristics of the natural person? What are the characteristics of the spiritual person?
 - g. What are we as Christians capable of making judgments on? Why?
 - h. What does it mean that we are “judged by no one” in verse 15?

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- i. How does verse 16 prove the deity of Christ?
 - j. After studying 1 Corinthians 2:10-16, what is the one main thing you can take away from this passage?
2. The Holy Spirit is the source of many spiritual blessings. Look up the verses below and record what they say about the Spirit's work in our lives. Do any other passages come to mind?
- Ephesians 1:16-17
 - Romans 8:26
 - Acts 1:8
 - Galatians 5:22-23

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. We possess the Holy Spirit—the One who reveals hidden wisdom, searches the depths of God, and knows all things. How does this truth encourage our hearts and increase our faith?
3. Where do we find the wisdom of the Holy Spirit? Why is it important to remember this?
4. How can the wisdom we have from the Holy Spirit protect us from being manipulated by worldly wisdom (from friends, family, and culture at large)? What are some scenarios in which you might be tempted to be manipulated by worldly wisdom?
5. The natural person is not able to understand the things of the Spirit of God. How does this affect the way we view and relate to unbelievers?
6. Considering all that we've learned in this week's study, how can we have a humble confidence in the face of worldly opposition? How should this affect the way we live on a day-to-day basis?