

Week of October 27, 2024 - The Spiritual Person | Small Group Lesson 6

Connect

Share a brief story about a time you felt like you were not really "learning" something in school (or perhaps you thought you didn't need to learn it), but later realized how important or useful it was for the future.
How did you come to this realization?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (CSB)

Read aloud:

6 We do, however, speak a wisdom among the mature, but not a wisdom of
this age, or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 On the
contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, a wisdom God
predestined before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age knew
this wisdom, because if they had known it, they would not have crucified the
Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, What no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no human heart has conceived—God has prepared these things for those
who love him. 10 Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since
the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a
person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one
knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have not
received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we
may understand what has been freely given to us by God. 13 We also speak
these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by
the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. 14 But the person
without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is
foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated
spiritually. 15 The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, and yet
he himself cannot be evaluated by anyone. 16 For who has known the Lord's
mind, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Refer to the phrases below from today's verses and answer the questions together:

1. What are the "two" kinds of wisdom Paul contrasts in this passage? What are some characteristics of them?

2. What does Paul mean by "the wisdom of the mature"? How does this differ from the world's view of maturity? What is the "mystery" Paul mentions?

3. How does the Holy Spirit help us understand God's wisdom?

4. What are some examples of things that might seem foolish to a non-Christian but are wise from a spiritual perspective?

5. What does it mean to be a "spiritual person" (v.15)? How can we cultivate spiritual maturity in our lives?

Share

Discuss this analogy from this week's message:

- How does the school illustration illustrate contrast the stages or state of maturity?

Discuss:

- Read Philippians 3:13-15 mentioned in this week message. Discuss how can you can rely more on the Holy Spirit to understand and apply God's wisdom in your life. How will doing this make your thoughts more mature, that is a spiritual person (vv.15-16)?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.