

Everyone Sharing Christ's Story

I Corinthians 2

Discussion Questions:

1. Paul contrasts the wisdom of the world with the wisdom of God throughout this chapter. To the world, God's wisdom, is seen as foolish (v1).
 - a. Can you describe some example's of how foolish God's wisdom seems to the world?
 - b. Can you describe some example's of how Christians seek to be more polished and persuasive instead of embracing the "foolishness" of God's wisdom?
 - c. How does it make you feel that some people think that your faith ideas are goofy? What is your usual response?
2. What motivated Paul's ministry? How does that shape your motivation in life and work? (v2)
3. Is Paul being honest about his fear and trembling? What was he so afraid of? How did this become a platform for the Spirit's work?
4. Verse 6-16: I didn't spend a lot of time in the message about these texts, but there is some very valuable material here about the work of the Spirit. It connects to verses 1-5 because it is Paul's explanation of how the Spirit enabled him to be the bearer of good news.
 - a. Why do we need the Spirit to understand the mysteries of God?
 - b. What differentiates the spirit of the world from the Spirit of God?
 - c. How do you know that you are genuinely listening to the Spirit? Give examples to explain.
 - d. How might you make yourself more open to the direction of the Spirit? What spiritual practices might help you be led by the Spirit?
 - e. Why does Paul describe the Spirit of God the mind of Christ (v16)?
5. Apply this to the work of evangelism in the church. Describe how evangelism and the work of the Spirit interrelate? What does this mean for a church that wants to be serious about evangelism? Can Alpha be a powerful encounter with Christ apart from the Spirit? Explain using the content of this passage.