

## Wisdom From the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

**Topics:** Discernment, Foolishness, Holy Spirit, Ignorance, Judgment, Mind, Spiritual Growth, Thinking, Wisdom

### Open It

1. To what sources do people most often look for wisdom?
2. What is it like to know a secret and keep it from your friends?
3. For what reasons do we keep secrets from other people?
- \* 4. In what ways could you learn about a secret that was hidden from you?

### Explore It

5. What kinds of wisdom are there? (2:6)
6. In what way does the world's wisdom fall short? (2:6)
7. Where does the world's wisdom lead? (2:6)
- \* 8. How does God's wisdom differ from the wisdom of this age? (2:6-16)
- \* 9. What is God's secret wisdom that only the mature will attain? (2:7)
10. How was Jesus' crucifixion related to the world's lack of understanding God's wisdom? (2:8)
11. Why do people often fail to see God's purpose for them? (2:9)
12. Why is it possible to understand God's wisdom only if His Spirit reveals it? (2:9-16)
- \* 13. What characteristics will the wisdom that the Spirit teaches us have? (2:13)
14. How are spiritual and unspiritual people different? (2:15-16)
15. Who can make "judgments about all things"? Why? (2:15-16)

### Get It

16. In what way are the "rulers of this age" coming to nothing?
- \* 17. When in the past has the Spirit enabled you to understand God's wisdom and gifts?
18. Why did God keep His wisdom a secret?
19. In what ways should your actions conform to the teaching of the Spirit who lives in you?
20. How should you respond to the Spirit's revelation about what God has prepared for you?
- \* 21. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?
22. How can you know if you have the mind of Christ?
23. What benefit is there in praying for spiritual discernment?

### Apply It

- \* 24. What spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, meditation on Scripture, etc.) could you practice this week to make you sensitive to the Holy Spirit?
25. How might you approach a person you know who believes strongly in the wisdom of the world?