1 Corinthians 2 Discussion

1. When are you tempted to rely on human eloquence and wisdom (or pizza)? What would it look like for you to resolve to “know nothing … except Jesus Christ and him crucified”?

2. In what ways do the beliefs and wisdom of today differ from those of previous generations? What does that tell you about earthly wisdom?

3. How is “being spiritual” usually defined? How does this passage reshape that view?

4. How did Paul’s regard for the world’s wisdom affect his preaching and testimony? (2:1–5)

5. Why was it good that Paul came to Corinth in weakness and fear? (2:3–5)

6. On what should our faith rest? (2:5)

7. What difference should it make in your life to know that God chooses the weak and lowly people of the world to do His work?

8. What is God’s secret wisdom that only the mature will attain? (2:7)

9. Why is it possible to understand God’s wisdom only if His Spirit reveals it? (2:9–16)

10. How are spiritual and unspiritual people different? (2:15–16)

11. In what ways should your actions conform to the teaching of the Spirit who lives in you?

12. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?

13. What spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, meditation on Scripture, etc.) could you practice this week to make you sensitive to the Holy Spirit?

14. How might you approach a person you know who believes strongly in the wisdom of the world?