



## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of October 15, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### Warm Up

- What is something that you used to think that you've changed your mind about. Why the change?

### I Corinthians 2:3-16

<sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

- **Paul see his weakness as an opportunity for blessing. How were the Corinthians blessed because Paul was weak?**
- **Think about one way you feel your weakness. How might that weakness open you up to the ministry of the Holy Spirit?**

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

- **How would Paul define *true* wisdom?**
- **In what way is God's wisdom "secret"?**
- **How is the crucifixion of Christ a demonstration of the wisdom of God?**

### *The Ministry of the Spirit*

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

- **What does Paul tell us about the *identity* of the Holy Spirit?**
- **What does Paul tell us about the *ministry* of the Holy Spirit?**
- **What is one way recently the Spirit led you to see God and His gifts?**
- **Read the passage together again, and use it as a guide for a time of prayer.**

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