

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**The Lens We See Through**  
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**OVERVIEW**

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- God's wisdom is only understood through his Spirit. (vv.9-13)
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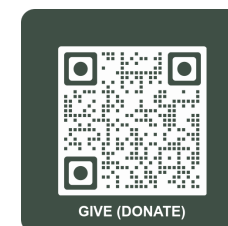
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Paul teaches that we can view life through either the wisdom of the age or the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 2:6-16). What are some common messages our culture teaches about success, happiness, identity, or significance? How do those messages differ from the wisdom of Jesus?

One application from the message was: *"We must pay attention to what is discipling us."* What influences do you think shape people's thinking most today (social media, news, friends, family, work culture, entertainment, etc.)? Which of those influences do you think has the strongest impact on you personally?

The Corinthians knew a lot about God, but Paul says they were still spiritually immature. Why do you think it's possible to know a lot about the Bible and still not become more like Jesus? What practices or experiences have helped God's truth move from your head to your heart?

Paul ends by saying, *"We have the mind of Christ."* (v.16) As you think about your current season of life, where do you most need to view things through the lens of Christ rather than the lens of fear, pride, anger, cultural pressure, or self-interest? What might that look like practically this week?



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