

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 3, 2019
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

1. What did Paul say last week about wisdom and the power of the cross?
 - a. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
 - b. The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.
 - c. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called...
 - d. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom...

2. How does Paul begin this text, in verses 6-7?
 - a. So, the message we speak is foolishness.
 - b. Even though the world's wisdom sees this message as foolishness, for mature believers, this message is truly wisdom because it is God's wisdom.

3. What does Paul mean by verses 8-10?
 - a. I'm not sure...
 - b. This message from God can only be understood by those who have the Spirit of God living within them and revealing these things.

4. What is Paul's point in verses 11-12?
 - a. He is talking about how you can't judge me because you don't know what is in my mind and heart.
 - b. He is using the commonly understood concept (that motives of the mind and heart are hard to know) to describe why most cannot understand the message, but why those with the Spirit of God living within them can.

5. How, according to Paul in verse 13, does this affect the things that Paul and other preachers of the Gospel say? _____

6. Why, according to verse 14, do others not understand these words? _____

7. What is Paul suggesting in verses 15-16?
 - a. This sounds like something different than what is said in Matthew 7:1-5.
 - b. Perhaps this helps us understand what is being said in John 7:24.
 - c. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things!
 - d. The person with the Spirit discerns God's heart regarding the things around them and should also discern God's conviction or peace about his or her own actions.

8. Do you have the Spirit of God living inside of you? _____
What about the mind of Christ? _____
How does this affect how you see the world around you? _____
