

Living by the
WISDOM of
the **CROSS**
1 Corinthians

Complete these question **BEFORE** your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

1Corinthians 2
The "hidden"
wisdom of God

TO PONDER:

What makes a church spiritual?

How spiritual would you consider the churches of APC?

Think back over 1Corinthians 1. What have we been learning about human wisdom vs God's wisdom?

Read 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

In what ways did Paul's ministry among the Corinthians appear "foolish"?

What do you understand by Paul's declaration in v2?

What do you think Paul means by "a demonstration of the Spirit's power" in verse 4?
(You might also want to consider 1.17-18 & 1 These 1.4-5)

What is encouraging about such power?

Read 1 Corinthians 2.6-13

What is God's hidden wisdom and how is it revealed?

In these verses, the "we" and "us" are particularly the apostles like Paul.

What is Paul claiming about the message of the gospel that the apostles preached?

(Note the link between Paul's teaching here and the teaching of Jesus in John 15.26-27, 16.12-15)

Read 1 Corinthians 2.14-16

In these verses Paul contrasts 2 types of people. Note down how he describes each.



In v16, the phrase , "the mind of Christ, is a way of thinking. In other words:- "God's profound wisdom regarding salvation through a crucified Messiah which was hidden but is now revealed by the Holy Spirit".¹

How is verse 16 a great summary of the whole passage?

Thinking back over the whole passage:-

What are you thankful for?

What makes a church spiritual?

How spiritual would you consider the churches of APC?

¹ Taken from an excellent commentary on 1Corinthians by Ciampa & Rosner, ©2010, p138.