SERMON NOTES

IMMANUEL CHURCH

THE SPIRIT'S WISDOM | 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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OVERVIEW

1. **The Power Is In The Message (v. 1-5)**
    - Paul reminds the Corinthians that when he first came to them, he did not rely on impressive speech or human wisdom. Instead, he focused on Jesus Christ and Him crucified.
    - The power of Paul's ministry came from God, not his own abilities.

2. **God's Wisdom Is Different (v. 6-9)**
    - The world often measures success through achievement, recognition, power, and control.
    - God's wisdom, however, is revealed through Jesus, whose greatness was demonstrated through humility, service, and sacrificial love.

3. **The Holy Spirit Helps Us Understand (v. 10-13)**
    - Paul explains that God's wisdom cannot be discovered through human intelligence alone.
    - God has revealed His wisdom through the Holy Spirit
    - The Spirit helps us receive, understand, and respond to God's truth as revealed through Scripture.

4. **The Mind of Christ Changes How We See (v. 14-16)**
    - Paul contrasts those who do not have the Spirit with those who do. Without the Spirit, God's wisdom can seem foolish because spiritual truth is understood through the Spirit.
    - Having the mind of Christ means allowing Jesus to reshape how we think, respond, make decisions, and relate to others.

QUESTIONS

Use for community group discussion or personal reflection

GO DEEPER

- Who is someone you consider wise, and what is it about their life that makes you see them that way?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

- What stood out to you in the passage and/or sermon?
- Paul says he came “in weakness with great fear and trembling.” Why do you think he shared that? How does it change the way you picture Paul?
- Paul isn’t against wisdom or learning. How does he distinguish between the wisdom of this age and the wisdom of God?

MOVE FORWARD

- Paul wanted the Corinthians' faith to rest on God's power rather than human wisdom. What are some dangers of becoming too attached to a particular preacher, teacher, or Christian personality?
- What are some practical ways we can tell whether we are operating out of human wisdom or the "mind of Christ" (v. 16) when making decisions?
- What is one area of your life where you need God's wisdom more than the world's advice right now?