

# The Wisdom of Man & The Power of God

I Corinthians 2-3 | Week Two | Participant Guide

## Preparing for the Session

**Read:** I Corinthians 2-3

**Memorize:** “*And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*” - I Cor. 2:1-2

## Looking at the Text

**2:1-5**

1. Paul could have been eloquent but chose to amplify Christ and His cross? Why?

**2:6-13**

2. Paul speaks of the goal of wisdom for the mature? How is that characterized?

3. According to Paul, why is the Spirit essential in bringing His wisdom to believers?

**3:1-4**

4. What is the major sign of spiritual immaturity Paul is mentioning here?

**3:5-15 (summarized)**

5. What does Paul mean when he says we “receive a reward?” How do we insure approval?

**3:18-23**

6. What does Paul mean when he calls on those who consider themselves wise to “become a fool” first?

7. What does it look like to NOT rely on the “wisdom of men” today? How are Christian graduate students tempted to do this?

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God's wisdom upholds the meaning of the Cross...the heart of God's wisdom is God's passion to display the glory of His grace in Christ for the everlasting enjoyment of those who believe.  
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