

Sermon Notes



1 Corinthians 2:1 - 10

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The whole scripture.

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Wisdom from the Spirit

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. **7** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But, as it is written,

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nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

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3 Categories of reasons for belief in God

1. Intellectual
2. Personal
3. Social

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“To endeavor to save men by mere nonsense, excitement, or oratorical display is as foolish as to hold an angel with bird lime or lure a star with music. The best attraction is the gospel in its purity. The weapon with which the Lord conquers men is the truth as it is in Jesus.” - Charles Spurgeon

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*“This work of illumination does not operate by giving us secret insight that one cannot derive by reading the text in context. Scripture is not a code book or the basis for fanciful allegorizing. Illumination, rather, takes what is already there and makes it real to us.”
- R.C Sproul*

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John 7:37-39

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as[f] the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” **39** Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Study Guide



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Small Group Questions:

1. What is it that creates that spark of a person's faith in Jesus?
2. Where in your life have you been tempted to have your faith depend on the wisdom of men? (intellectual books, social circles, etc.)
3. How do you feel about the constant repeated focus of the gospel of Jesus? (repetitive, elementary, necessary, etc.)
4. What is the 'secret and hidden knowledge' that is available to believers?
5. To what extent would you say you have a head knowledge about God versus a heart and personal knowledge of God?
6. What is one thing from the passage that God might be asking you to respond with or apply to your life this week?