

Root Work – Week 2
1 Corinthians 2:1–16 – “How You Think Matters”

Supporting Scriptures:

- Romans 12:2
- Hebrews 12:2
- Galatians 6:14
- Matthew 7:24–25
- Psalm 20:7
- Isaiah 64:4
- Romans 8:5
- Philippians 2:5
- Colossians 3:2
- James 3:17
- John 16:13
- 2 Corinthians 10:5

Key Takeaways:

- The wisdom of God will often look completely different from the wisdom of the world.
- Paul intentionally kept the focus on Jesus Christ and Him crucified instead of human wisdom or performance.
- The cross continually brings us back to dependence on God instead of dependence on ourselves.
- Faith that is built on people, emotions, or circumstances will eventually shake... but faith rooted in God will stand.
- Information does not automatically produce wisdom... true wisdom comes from God.
- The Gospel is not something humanity could discover on its own... it had to be revealed by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit reveals truth, gives discernment, and continually points us back to Jesus.
- Human wisdom alone cannot fully understand the things of God.
- Spiritual discernment comes through a relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- As believers, we are not called to think like the world... we are called to live with the mind of Christ.
- What shapes your thinking will eventually shape your decisions, your responses, and your life.

Key Phrases

- “Jesus... and the cross.”
- “When everything gets complicated... come back to Jesus and the cross.”
- “What shapes your thinking... will shape your life.”
- “You can be surrounded by information... and still miss truth.”
- “The Gospel is not simply learned... it is revealed by the Holy Spirit.”
- “Human wisdom alone cannot reach spiritual truth.”
- “You are not called to think like the world anymore.”
- “The Holy Spirit will always point you back to Jesus.”

Discussion Questions:

JESUS & THE CROSS

1. What are the things in your life that compete for your focus and attention most often?
2. What does it practically look like to “come back to Jesus and the cross” in difficult seasons?
3. Are there areas where you are relying more on your own strength than on God?

WHAT SHAPES YOUR THINKING

1. What voices influence how you think the most right now?
2. Have you noticed areas where culture has shaped your mindset more than Scripture?
3. How do your thoughts affect your reactions, emotions, and decisions?

HUMAN WISDOM VS GOD’S WISDOM

1. What is a situation where God’s way conflicted with what felt natural to you?
2. Why do you think surrender and obedience often seem foolish to the world?
3. Have you ever struggled to trust what God was doing because it did not make sense naturally?

THE HOLY SPIRIT & DISCERNMENT

1. What does it mean to you personally that the Holy Spirit lives within believers?
2. Have there been moments where the Holy Spirit gave you peace, conviction, wisdom, or direction?
3. What helps you stay sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

THE MIND OF CHRIST

1. What do you think it means to have “the mind of Christ”?
2. In what area of your life do you need to begin thinking differently?
3. What is one practical way you can fix your mind on the things of God this week instead of the things of the world?

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to ask the Lord:

“Show me where my thinking has been shaped more by the world than by Your Spirit.”

Write down:

- One mindset that needs to change...
- One truth from Scripture to meditate on this week...
- One area where you need to trust the leading of the Holy Spirit more deeply...