



Prince of Peace Church

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16

Week 2

*Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the
comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting
life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Read & Hear: Appoint a reader, or take turns reading a few verses at a time. Do this several times (at least 2 or 3) in order to gain familiarity with the passage.

Mark: This is our time to make observations and ask questions. The type of observations to ask and questions to ask include:

Who is the writer?	Who are the recipients?	What is the main idea?
What are the statements of truth?	What are the commands/expectations upon people?	
What is said about God?	What is said about people?	

Learn: This is our time to humbly submit to the learning that our brothers and sisters have already done. We do this by turning to our Pastors, Study Bibles, Commentaries, and other resources in the church. Together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we search for the truth in the Scriptures. Spend this time looking through your resources for answers to your questions, and further observations.

Inwardly Digest: This is our time to not just be hearers of the word, but also doers of the word (James 1:22). Spend time discussing with one another the following topics to apply the word to our lives today.

1. In this section of 1 Corinthians, Paul (with ironic rhetorical flourish) says the word of the cross is scandalous and foolish. Jews wanted a conquering, not a crucified Messiah. Greeks admired honorable and wise leaders, not executed criminals from a podunk district of the Empire. Yet, *this* is the good news about Jesus; through his life, death, and resurrection he has become the Lord of heaven and earth (cf. Phil. 2). How is the way of the cross--a life of love and service to the glory of God and for the sake of others--still scandalous and foolish to people today?

2. In chapter 2, Paul indicates that it takes a mature (v. 6) and spiritual (v. 15) person to comprehend the wisdom of God. What do you think he means by this? Are the Corinthian Christians addressed in this section mature and spiritual?