

# **GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

### WEEK OF JULY 14, 2024 | GOD'S DEEP SECRETS

#### WARM-UP QUESTION

How do you seek out wisdom in your life? Where do you tend to turn for wisdom first?

#### DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read <u>1 Corinthians 2:1-5</u>

- What stands out to you in this passage? Is there anything that surprises you?
- What is the danger in using lofty or impressive words to share about Jesus? How have you seen this play out in your life?
- How do you rely on the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit change the way we interact with those around us? What can you do this week to grow in your awareness of the Holy Spirit?
- What is the difference between human wisdom and the power of God? Is it more easy to trust in human wisdom or God's power?
- Can you think of any examples in Scripture where we see human wisdom fail? What about any examples of God's power?

#### Read <u>1 Corinthians 2:6-9</u>

- Look up the definition of wisdom. How does reading that definition influence how you read this passage? What is the difference between the wisdom of God and human wisdom? What happens when we treat them similarly?
- God chooses to reveal more about Himself to each of us in His own time. What does that tell you about His character?
- How have you seen God reveal Himself to you? What impact did it have on your relationship with Him?
- What is the role of the crucifixion in this passage? What is Paul pointing out here?
- Verse 9 is referencing Isaiah 64:4. Read <u>Isaiah 64</u>. What do you learn about God from this chapter? Why do you think Paul included it in 1 Corinthians?

#### Read <u>1 Corinthians 2:10-16</u>

- Paul references the Holy Spirit. What do you know about the Holy Spirit and His role in the Trinity? If you're not familiar with the Holy Spirit, check out <u>this video</u> from the Bible Project.
- What are some "wonderful things" God has freely given us through His Spirit? How do these gifts impact your faith and daily life?



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- How does this passage point to the need for faith? How does faith help us grow in Godly wisdom?
- What does it mean to be spiritual as Paul references in verses 14 and 15? Is this how you define what it means to be a spiritual person? If not, how does it change your view of someone who is spiritual?
- How can you cultivate a mindset that aligns more closely with the mind of Christ in your daily life?

#### RESPOND

- Ask God to give you the mind of Christ. Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal more of God to you this week and for awareness to notice His presence.
- Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If so, have you taken a step of obedience in professing your faith through baptism? If you want to learn more, check out this website. If you haven't, what's holding you back?
- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.