



Illumination by the Holy Spirit

Discussion Group Leader Handout

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

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10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

Questions

1. Believers are illumined by the Holy Spirit who searches the mind of God

- i. How does the doctrine of illumination or Holy Spirit encourage your daily walk?
 - (i) If this is not a doctrine that you are as familiar with, how can you grow in your knowledge of this wondrous doctrine?
- ii. In your life as a believer, how have you seen the Holy Spirit help you?
 - (i) Spiritually, mentally, physically, emotionally?

2. The thoughts of God and man compared

- i. What encouragement do you find when you think about God the Spirit knowing all your thoughts?
- ii. How can this understanding of the Spirit's work in the heart of every believer help you counsel others better?
- iii. What are some dangers, both in your own life and the larger body Christ, misunderstanding this doctrine?

3. You are indwelt by the Living God

- i. Do you often meditate on the fact you have the Living God dwelling in your heart?
- ii. If not, why?
- iii. If so, how does it help you in your daily walk whether alone, at work, family, church family, etc?

Prayer Requests

- *Pray that ABC would grow in deeper understanding of this wonderful doctrine of the Holy Spirit to encourage richer faith and quicker repentance*
- *Pray that ABC would stand firm on the Word of God as to receive illumination to its truths by the Spirit so that we would reject the wisdom of the world*