



SDG Discussion Guide

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

April 7, 2019

For Starters:

What is a highlight in your life of late?

What is a struggle or challenge in your life of late?

How well did you keep secrets when you were a child? How about since then?

Guideline: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and surrounding passage. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. Who do you turn to when you need wisdom: Your spouse? A parent? Your pastor? A friend? Other?
2. What does Paul mean by God's "secret wisdom"? (vv 7,9)?
3. How do you feel about verse 9? How is your outlook on life affected by the promises in this verse?
4. From this passage, what role do you see the Holy Spirit playing in the life of a believer?
5. According to verse 15, who can't understand the things of God and why?
6. When in your spiritual journey did the "mind of Christ" (v 16) start to make a difference in your values, choices and decisions?
7. Where do you need the guidance of God's Spirit most in your life for this coming week?
8. The Corinthians were measuring "truth and success" by how powerful, influential and articulate someone was. How is that idea communicated today? How does it square with the Gospel?
9. What can you do to exercise "the mind of Christ" more fully in your life?

Take plenty of time to pray in your group. Ask God to lead you in this prayer time. Listen and imagine carefully for these insights to surface. What may God be showing you? Once more, ask God for His guidance in why He wants you to remember His power in your life. Go forth this week sharing with others what you have learned. Go forth in the ultimate power and love of God - knowing that when you are weak... He is strong.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).