

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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Knowing God's Will

#3 – KNOWING HIM THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION:

Whose advice do you respect? Why?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Note: Paul is speaking to a culture that is heavily influenced by the Greek world view that prized wisdom and man's ability to reason.

Read 1 Cor 2:6-8

Note: The mystery Paul refers to (vs 7) something that was once hidden but is now revealed. (Col 1:26, 27) Man's wisdom is often based on natural senses (what see and feel). Gen 3:1-6 Adam and Eve saw tree 1) (good for food) - lust of flesh, 2) pretty - lust of eyes, 3) desirable for wisdom – pride of possession.

1. What are some of the contrasts between modern culture (worldly wisdom) and Christianity?
Matt 6:19-20; Matt 20:26; Matt 19:30; Col 2:15
2. What is the difference between God's wisdom and man's? vs 6 **1 Cor 1:25**
3. How does one become "mature"? **1 Cor 1:24; Heb 5:14**
4. What is the mystery? Vs 7 **Col 1:26; 27**
5. Why do you think God keep some knowledge hidden from us?

Read 1 Cor 2:9-11

Note: Only Christianity has the Trinity. He gave us the Holy Spirit for many things such as being His witness and knowing the truth. Jn 14:15-18; Acts 1:8. In salvation, the Trinity represents the Godhead: Father provided the way for us to be saved; Son purchased with his own life; Holy Spirit transformed our hearts and continues to mold us to become the person we were uniquely designed to be.

6. What do these verses say about God being distant, hidden, unknowable & unapproachable?
7. Who advised God to come up with the plan of salvation?
8. Who is "us" in vs 10?
9. Do we need the Holy Spirit to understand scripture? **Ps 119:18**
10. Why won't the Holy Spirit contradict scripture? **John 1:1-2**

Read 1 Cor 2:12-16

11. Who is "we" in verse 12? **1 Cor 1:21-25**
12. What are some of the symptoms that Christians (genuine believers) can action like unspiritual people? What are some things that Christians do or believe that don't fit the world model? **Rom 8:5; Gal 5:16**

APPLICATION:

- How can you be open to the Spirit's leading?
- What has the Holy Spirit convicted you of (foolishness to the world)?