11-8 Connect Group

Welcome

Opening Question: When is a time when you showed a lack of common sense?

Worship

Word

Read 1 Corinthians 2 and answer the following questions.

1) What does Paul say about his presentation of the gospel (to the Corinthians) in verses 1-5?
2) What do verses 1-5 suggest about the importance of the Spirit when we share our faith? How can these verses serve as an encouragement to us when we feel less than adequate?
3) How can we miss the mark when we stray from speaking of Christ and the cross and get involved in other arguments with non-believers?
4) What is the hidden, mystery wisdom that Paul is speaking about in verses 6-7?
5) Who are the rulers that Paul is speaking of? How did the apparent triumph over Christ end up being Christ's biggest victory?
6) What points does Paul make about God's wisdom in verses 10-12?
7) How does Paul contrast man's wisdom with God's wisdom?
8) Paul states that the natural man cannot judge the spiritual truth of the believer. Comment.
9) If the natural man can't judge spiritual truth, why do we get so caught up in what the non-believer says about our faith?
10) How is truth revealed to the believer?

Digging Deeper:

1) Many of the believers in Corinth were struggling with pride. They wanted to be viewed as wise. How does Paul refute this?
2) Paul shares the simplicity of his message in verses 1-6. Why do we try to make the gospel complicated?
3) Read verse 5 again. When sharing our faith, how many times do we pray for exhaustive knowledge instead of God's power? How should we pray?
4) What is the danger if we get caught up in worldly wisdom? What is the failure of worldly wisdom?
5) Is there a difference between seeking knowledge and embracing worldly wisdom?
6) If true wisdom is spiritually discerned what does this say about man's own searches for life and meaning? What sort of discernment should the believer have when considering worldly wisdom and philosophy?
7) What caution does this passage have for believers who are seeking to be super-spiritual or extra-wise?
8) What stands out to you most from this passage?

Works

Pray for one another and for boldness to share the Gospel.