

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (February 27, 2022)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

1. **REGARDING 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-9:** “The cross looks like the height of foolishness, but it is actually the height of wisdom. It is foolish in worldly terms, and always has been: bleeding, naked, impaled Jewish men are not the role models the world typically looks for. But in Christian terms the cross embodies the wisdom of God and displays the profound difference between the Creator and his creatures. **In particular, the crucifixion of Christ highlights three contrasts between ‘this age’ and the age to come.**”

(1 Corinthians For You p. 26 by Andrew Wilson)

Discuss the contrasts between:

The “wisdom of this age” and the wisdom of God

The “rulers of this age” and “The Lord of Glory”

How long each “age” will last

2. To whom and how does God reveal His secret and hidden wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6, 10; Mark 4:10-12, 33-34)?

3. Share what 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 and Romans 8:26-27 reveal about the Spirit.

4. What does the Spirit enable believers to understand (1 Corinthians 2:12)?
What are the things freely given to believers (Romans 5:15-17)?

5. From 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23; Ephesians 1:4 and Revelation 11:15, 22:5 describe some of the secret things that are folly to unbelievers.

6. In 1 Corinthians 2:16, what two thoughts appear to be a contradiction?
How are they both true (John 7:15-17, 14:23, 15:15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-13)?