

**FEBRUARY 20, 2022**  
**LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
**NO COMPRENDE**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16**  
**WINTER QUARTER WEEK 6 OF 13**

**Getting to Know Each Other Better**

**1. What was your favorite poster in your room when you were a kid? Why?**

My favorite poster wasn't a poster but it was magazine covers from Sports Illustrated. What I did each week for a number of years when I was in high school was cut the cover off my Sports Illustrated and tape it to my wall. I must have had 100-150 (or more) SI covers in my room. It was pretty cool, being able to look back over the course of a couple of years and see what was going on in the world of sports. I do believe there was only one cover that I did not put on my wall, and that was the annual Swimsuit edition that comes in February. That one got thrown in the trash. If I remember correctly, I may even have started this when I was in college, but I'm not totally sure.

Why? I love sports and SI worked really hard to capture amazing images and headlines for their covers.

What was your favorite poster? If you didn't put posters up, what is a favorite thing you did have on your wall when you were a kid? Why?

**Renewed by Grace/Equipped as Disciples**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

**2. If you had to create a one sentence summary of these 11 verses, what would it be? Why?**

As you have seen and heard, this passage is quite complex and deep. Also as you have seen and heard, there is a lot in it. I feel it is too much to try and cover everything Paul writes about in a Life Group discussion time. To that end, I have decided to write questions which would bring a simple time of discussion to a complicated text. I'd like people to try and distill down the message from Esteban and the text into some things that were meaningful for them that they can have as take-aways to apply during the week. (This is also a good place to remind us all that I intentionally write discussion questions and not Bible Study questions. We are doing Bible Study through a discussion of the text and the message from the speaker, but we are not doing what some might consider a more formal Bible Study. There are groups out there for this - like BSF or CBS. I have decided that our Life Groups will be discussion and application groups based on the message.)

I think it would be great if you could get everyone in the group to share her or his one sentence summary as well as the reason or reasons she or he summarized it the way she or he did. I hope I can get everyone in my group to do this because I think it will be interesting to see how people see the passage and to see if there are similarities or differences between the group members.

My one sentence summary comes from verse 10. It's along these lines - We know what we know and we understand what we understand only because God has revealed it to us through the Spirit.

Why? I think verse 10 is the summary of the 11 verses. I think verse 10 explains why I know and understand what I know and understand and that it also explains why my neighbors don't. It makes sense and it helps me in my interactions with believers and unbelievers. We know and understand what we know and understand because God has chosen to reveal it to us. There is more to say here, and it fits better in Question 3.

**3. What are some of the other significant things you learned from this text? Why? What difference do these things make in the way you live your life and engage with believers and unbelievers?**

Here are some of the things I learned:

- The wisdom of God has nothing to do with the wisdom of the world.
- Reason or intuition are not enough to receive spiritual discernment.
- If God chooses not to reveal "the things of God" (verse 10) to someone, he or she won't be able to figure it out on his or her own.
- Most people don't understand or know what I (as a believer who has the Spirit) understand and know. That is because so many are not believers.
- The Spirit is the One who takes what God knows and teaches it to me so that I can know it too.
- Unspiritual people cannot understand or know spiritual things.
- Spiritual truths are to be communicated using words, but the words are taught to us by the Spirit and not human wisdom.
- My dependence on the Spirit to understand spiritual things is 100%. I cannot understand spiritual things without the Spirit in my life.
- I need to pray often and earnestly, asking the Spirit to give me insight into the things of God and illumination into the Scriptures.
- I am not smart enough to figure God out on my own, even though I have been born again.
- People need to be born again by the Spirit - regenerated - before the things of God will make sense to them.
- I cannot make an unregenerate person understand spiritual things, no matter how much I try.
- There is no reason to get frustrated when spiritually dead people don't understand things which only spiritually alive people can understand.
- When spiritually dead people express confusion and even dismay at the message of Christ and the Cross, my response is not to try harder to convince them but rather to pray harder that the Spirit would cause them to be born again so they can understand it.
- I should keep sharing the same simple message, but I should pray more fervently that the Spirit would work and that God would reveal "these things" (Verse 10) through the Spirit.
- Prayer and dependence on the Spirit cannot be overstated or overemphasized.
- These are some of mine. What are some of yours?

What difference does it make in the way I live my life and engage with believers and unbelievers?

Here are some thoughts I have -

- 1. Definitely be aware of the words I'm using. I need to get the message right. But,
- 2. Pray way more, asking the Spirit to use whatever words I might speak. My words without His power are just a waste of my time.
- 3. Pray way more for and about people.

- 4. I can't overstate my dependence on the Spirit as I spend time with believers and unbelievers. Spiritual growth and conversion is His work. I'll know how serious I am about things by how much I pray about them, asking the Spirit to do what I cannot - which is bring about spiritual growth or new birth.
- 5. Take God very seriously, and don't take myself very seriously. I'll know I'm doing that if I am praying more for Him to work and move and not putting pressure on myself to do the things He is not asking me to do.
- These are some of mine. What are some of yours?

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#### **4. What is one thing you can do to apply this week's message?**

Pray more before and after I speak. Realize what is His work to do and what is mine. Don't take myself so seriously and take Him way more seriously by praying about things I might not have previously prayed about.

How about you?