

MESSAGE GUIDE

REBOOT: Our Only Source for Spiritual Illumination

1 Corinthians 2:1-16



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CONNECT

- Do you know of anyone who has a hard time understanding your decision to follow Jesus? What about it confuses them?

STUDY

This week's look into 1 Corinthians 2 had us looking at a continuation of Paul's response to the problem of favoritism taking place in the church. Essentially, Paul wanted the Corinthians to know how God works...and it wasn't through attaching themselves to certain leaders at the expense of church unity. Read through 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 and use the following questions to guide your study:

- Looking at verse 1-2, what decision did Paul make when it came to talking to the Corinthians about the Gospel? Why did he make his choice? (verses 4-5 help provide an explanation.)
- What do verses 6-7 have to say about wisdom? What does Paul mean when he uses the words "secret" and "hidden" in relation to God's wisdom?
- According to verses 10-13, what role does the Spirit play in our gaining understanding regarding God's wisdom?

- Finally, take a look at verses 14-16, and consider the differences between a person informed by the Spirit, and a person who can only depend on natural understanding.

APPLY

- When it comes to sharing Christ, why is the demonstration of God's power much more desirable than simply employing lofty or eloquent words?
- Why is it that God reveals certain things to some, but not others?
- What types of spiritual truths – that at one time seemed to make little or no sense – became clearer to you when you put your trust in Christ?
- How does 1 John 2:16 provide a bit of a description of what types of things the "natural" person (who gets no input from the Spirit) tends to focus on? Why is the pursuit of these things ultimately a dead end?
- If the "natural" man is unable to understand the things of the spiritual, what must happen for his mind to become aware of spiritual things?