

SERMON GUIDE

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1 Corinthians 2:6-13 | Pastor Tim Porter

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Is. 65:24 (Prayer)
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.


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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: When a friend has a secret, do you find it easy or hard to not be "in" on the secret? Are there any fun secrets you have gotten to keep in your life?

Notes About the Passage: Corinthian people were really enamored with the pursuit of "wisdom." They loved fine-sounding philosophers and fancy orators. They were especially drawn to "secret" or "special" wisdom that would only be revealed to super-spiritual people.

Also, when Paul talks about "us" and "we" in verses 10-13, he is speaking specifically about the apostles and eyewitnesses of Jesus, who imparted their testimony of the wisdom of God to others.

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: How is Paul's wisdom different from the wisdom of the age?

O: Why do you think the "rulers of this age" did not understand the "secret wisdom" Paul talks about?

O: How has God revealed his secret wisdom (v.10-12)? What's the connection here with God's written word?

O: What kinds of things about God and his plan of salvation would remain hidden if God didn't speak?

O: The apostles and eyewitnesses of Jesus "imparted [spiritual wisdom] in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit". What do you think this means?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: What do you see about God's word in this passage that can/should make a difference in your life?

A: Are you regularly interacting with/relating to God's word in the ways that you want to? Why or why not?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.