**Revealed, Not Discovered.**

Wisdom - Knowing where to go and how to get it.

**Text**: **1 Corinthians 2:6-16**, “**6**Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. **7**But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8**None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9**But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— **10**these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11**For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12**Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13**And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. **14**The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. **15**The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. **16**“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Know** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.6-11**

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**Point #2**: **Turn** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.12-13**

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**Point #2**: **Ask** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.14-16**

**Corollary Verses**: 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Isaiah 64:4, 65:17; 2 Timothy 3:15; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16; Proverbs 23:23; Deuteronomy 29:29; Ephesians 11-12; Psalm 119:18; and Luke 24:24

**Application Questions**
These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Psalm 19:7**; **2 Timothy 3:15**; and **1 Timothy 4:13** then answer the following questions. What role does Scripture play in bring about salvation and sanctification? Paul told Timothy to devote himself to the public reading of Scripture, as well as preaching and teaching it. How does this apply to non-pastor/teachers? How important is it to know where different teachings and subjects are in the Bible?
2. Read **2 Peter 1:20-21** and **2 Timothy 3:16** then answer the following questions. How would you explain the doctrine of inspiration to a young believer? Why would you tell them that it is not dictated by God to the apostles? What did the human agents contribute to the process of inspiration? Were all the writings of the apostles/prophets inspired? God the Holy Spirit is responsible for revealing, inspiring, and illuminating Scripture. According to Paul, why is He the perfect person of the Godhead to oversee these divine functions?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 2:14**; **Ephesians 2:1**; **2 Corinthians 4:4**; **Ephesians 4:18**; **Romans 5:10**; and **John 8:34**. What human dilemma exists for every unbeliever? Why is it impossible for them to understand and discover God on their own? According to Paul, apart from the regenerating work and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they will never be able to do what? What is the unbeliever’s desires and will enslaved to? Can they release themselves from that slavery?
4. Read **Deuteronomy 29:29**; **Psalm 119:18**; **Luke 24:45**; and **Ephesians 4:11-12** then answer the following questions. Through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, can a believer know everything there is to know about God? If the Holy Spirit illuminates the Scriptures for us, why do we need pastors and teachers? Do we still have to study the Bible? If yes, provide some verses to support your answer.