

**How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?**



**Learners & Leaners, Part 1**

1 Corinthians 2:6-10a

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**A God who prepares**

**A God who reveals**



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Message-based Group Lesson

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### Overview

In this section Paul continues to instruct us on the wisdom of God. Having established that the wisdom of God is seen in the cross, he now goes on to show us that our understanding of that wisdom is revealed to us by his Spirit. The first five verses of chapter 2 serve as a bridge. Paul proclaimed Christ and his crucifixion, not by his own skill but by the work of the Holy Spirit. In this passage we see a predetermined plan of God that is understandable only as his Spirit reveals it to us. This amazing plan is for our glory and comes to all who love him!

### Engaging with each other

1. How were you at keeping a secret when you were younger? How about now?
2. Who is a person within your circle of friends or family that you would say has the most wisdom? Why do you think they are wise?

### Engaging with the Bible

1. Read 1 Cor. 2:6-10a. Once again Paul contrasts the wisdom of God with the wisdom or rulers of this age. How would you explain some of the differences between the wisdom of God and man?
2. In verse 7, what does it mean that God “decreed” (ESV, NRSV) the wisdom of God “for our glory?” (The word glory means weighty, or with gravitas.) What are the implications for us?

3. What phrase did Jesus speak from the cross that is echoed in verse 8? As a result, what is implied about the cross?
4. Why do you think “God’s secret wisdom” is understandable only with the help of the Spirit?

### Engaging with our lives

1. How does the Spirit, revealing the wisdom of God, impact us as we live out our faith: In our church? In our community? In our daily or personal lives?
2. In what ways can leaning on our own wisdom, agendas, or definitions of success and happiness create divisions and cause us to miss the glories God intends for us?
3. In what ways can our thinking make it difficult for us to hear what the Spirit is teaching us?
4. Why do we need to trust the Spirit to reveal God to us as we read the Scriptures?