1 Corinthians: When Controversy, Questions & Confusion Strike the Body Text: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 Topics: God's Plan, Natural & Spiritual, Wisdom Monroe Bible Church July 5, 2020 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

Of Wisdom and the Holy Spirit

I. God's Plan Determined (6-9)

Human wisdom doesn't understand the wisdom of God that is in His *plan* for His *people*.

II. God's Plan Delivered (10-13)

The Holy Spirit <u>enables</u> God's people to <u>understand</u> God's plan for His people.

III. God's Plan Discerned (14-16)

Those who do not have the Spirit of God, do not <u>understand</u> the <u>plan</u> of God or the <u>people</u> of God.

Am I *living* in *harmony* with the Holy Spirit?

<u>Application Ouestions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

- 1. Give an example of when your understanding of something that happened was very different from another person's who was not a Christ-follower.
- 2. What does 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 say about God's wisdom?

What does it mean that God's wisdom was a mystery and hidden?

What does Paul mean by "God's wisdom"?

How is God's wisdom "to our glory"?

3. According to 1 Corinthians 2:10-13, how is God's wisdom gained?

Do all Christ-followers have God's wisdom? Explain.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:14-16. Why is one who is not yet a Christ-follower unable to understand God's Word?

What do these verses say about the "natural" person? Who is a "natural" person?

What do these verses say about the "spiritual" person? Who is a "spiritual" person?

5. What does this passage teach us about how to understand the people and events that are happening around us today?