

## *“The Maturity of the Cross”*

1 Corinthians 2:6–13

12 February 2023

### **INVITATION**

1. Who immediately comes to mind when you think of someone with great knowledge and wisdom? Would you also characterise that person as someone with godly maturity?

### **RECOLLECTION**

2. What stood out to you as you listened to the sermon preached Sunday morning? Was there anything said on which you require further clarity?

### **OBSERVATION**

3. It is one thing to have knowledge and insight—what we might call “conventional wisdom”—and quite another to have wisdom imparted by God’s Spirit through his word. Discuss examples you are aware of (e.g. Nelson Mandela, Jordan Peterson, etc.).

Discuss the danger of confusing good counsel from the world with Christianity.

### **APPLICATION**

4. How could we measure or assess our maturity as believers?
5. The cross of Jesus Christ is not only for our good but for “our glory” (v. 7). What does Paul mean when he speaks of “our glory”? How should this understanding of “our glory” facilitate our pursuit of wisdom in this life?
6. Would you describe yourself as a “spiritual” person?

How does the world define a “spiritual” person?

How does the Bible define a “spiritual” person?

What makes *words* “spiritual”?

7. According to 1 Corinthians 2:9–12, believers have received special revelation from God’s Spirit and therefore can see things that unbelievers cannot see (Isaiah 64:4; 65:17). Discuss what these are and how they are made known to us.

Note that those who have received this illumination are said to be “those who love him” (v. 9). Discuss the implications of this statement.

8. Paul argues that the rulers of the day would not have crucified Christ if they had the secret, hidden wisdom of God. Is it just for God to hold them accountable for the crucifixion if imparting his secret, hidden wisdom to them would have prevented them from crucifying Christ?

What makes the difference between those who hear the message of the gospel and those who receive the secret wisdom of God and believe it?

#### SUPPLICATION

9. Write down some prayer requests mentioned in your Group and pray for them throughout this week.

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