

## Discussion Questions

*A Beautiful Mess: The Mystery of God (1Cor 2:6-16)*

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Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

### **Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)**

1. What are you thankful for?
2. What is a challenge you are facing?
3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

### **Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

1. How has your view of the gospel expanded as you have grown in your faith in Jesus?
2. How would you now explain the gospel (the story of God) to someone unfamiliar with it or who see it as merely "fire insurance" when you die? Why is the gospel good news?
3. If God knew humanity would rebel and he would have to die to save us, why do you think he created us anyways?
4. In vs 8, Paul contrasts this age with the age to come brought by Jesus. How are these ages different?
5. Why do you think the wisdom of God (the gospel, his story) is foolishness to those fixated on this age? (from vs. 14)
6. From this passage, what role do you see the Holy Spirit playing in the life of a believer?
7. In vs 16, what do you think it means to have the "mind of Christ"? How do you get that?

### **Application**

1. Like us, the Corinthian believers struggled to accept the gospel without the cultural expectations of success, self-promotion, and entertainment. How difficult is it for you living in the kingdom of the world (this age) while trying to live out the kingdom ways of God (the age to come)?
2. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Have each person create an 'I Will' statement)
3. How can you bless someone else as a result of today's Scripture and discussion?
4. How can we as a group bless someone in response to this passage?

### **Pray Together**