

SERMON NOTES

Date: October 22, 2017

Series: Messy Church

Title: Wisdom through the Spirit

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Big Idea: Christianity isn't anti-intellectual, rather it's a rational faith rooted in God's wisdom, given by God's Spirit, for God's people.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

In what ways might Christianity be mistakenly accused of being anti-intellectual? Is there any truth to these assumptions? how do the following verse tell you to engage your mind and how does it relate to the wisdom God gives us through the Spirit (Mark 12:30; Romans 8:6; 12:2)? _____

What are the differences between the *wisdom of this age* and the *wisdom of God* (v. 6-10a)? In what ways do these verses cause you to marvel at God's goodness and love revealed in his wisdom? _____

What is the doctrine of *illumination* and where do we find it in these verses? Describe a time when you have experienced the Spirit's illuminating ministry. _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Read Proverbs 2. How do these verses describe the value of God's wisdom and the way you should seek to incorporate it into your life? In what way is God's wisdom lacking in your life and how does this Proverb give you hope of finding it? _____

How should the doctrine of *illumination* affect the way you approach interpreting Scripture and understanding spiritual truths? How can it impact the way you pray as you come before the Word of God? _____

Since unbelievers don't have the Holy Spirit living inside them, they cannot discern the spiritual truths of God on their own. What should your attitude be toward them and how can you engage them in spiritual conversation? Think of a specific person and situation in your life to apply this. _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to illumine the wisdom of God's word to you heart and life. Try to make this a habit every time you read the Word. Make this your prayer: "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law" (Psalm 119:18).