



SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 12, 2014

Sermon Series: The Cross-Shaped Life: A Study In 1 Corinthians

Sermon: "True Spirituality "

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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1. According to Paul, what is the essence of Christianity (v. 2)? What other things, if any, are essential? Why? Should we make any of these things a "test" of who is really a Christian?
2. Paul has spent a lot of time in chapter 1 showing that the wisdom of the world is foolishness. Does he think wisdom is a bad thing (v. 6)? What is the difference between this wisdom and the wisdom against which he warned earlier (vv. 1, 4-5)?
3. How does one gain this wisdom (vv. 10-12)? How is this different than the way we normally think of gaining wisdom?
4. What is the goal of true wisdom (v. 12b)? What are "the things freely given us by God" (compare vv. 2, 9)? What does this show us about God's innermost thoughts? How does that relate to our lives?
5. Reflect: In light of everything Paul says here, what does it mean to be spiritually "mature?" What characterizes a mature Christian?