

THE BOOK OF
CORINTHIANS
a Wednesday Night Bible Study

Lesson Four: The Wisdom of God

Introduction: _____

I. The _____ of the Message v1-5

A. What should *not* be the focus:

1. The _____ of the message

1 Corinthians 1:31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2. The _____ of the messenger

Acts 4:12-13 KJV ¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

B. What *should* be the focus:

1. The _____ v2

2. The _____ of God v3-4

II. The _____ of the Message v6-9

A. Explanation: Wisdom of God in a “mystery” - _____

Ephesians 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

Ephesians 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

B. The _____ cannot understand it. v 8 (John 3:1-9, Matt. 13:10-17)

John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

C. The _____ cannot exhaust it. v 9

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

“It is satisfying to the scholar. I have studied this Book, and I would never even dream of saying I’ve come to the bottom of the Word of God. Someone said the Word of God is so deep that the scholars can swim and never touch bottom and yet so precious that a little child can come and get a drink without fear of drowning.” - Adrian Rodgers

III. The _____ of the Message v10-16

A. The Holy Spirit gives _____ to the message. v4 - 5

1. He gives _____ to the messenger.

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

2. He _____ the sinner.

John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

B. The Holy Spirit gives _____ to the message. v10-13

1. He _____ the Scriptures. v11-13

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

2. He helps _____ the Scriptures. v13

Matthew 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Exodus 26:33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy.

Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

3. He teaches spiritual _____. v14

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Wisdom of this world	Wisdom of God
1. A wisdom of words (1:17; 2:4)	1. A wisdom of power, not words alone (2:4–5)
2. Man's words (2:4)	2. The Spirit's words (2:13)
3. The spirit of the world (2:12)	3. The Spirit of God (2:12)
4. Foolishness to God (1:20)	4. Foolishness to men (2:14)
5. The philosopher (1:20)	5. The preacher (1:31; 2:4)
6. Ignorance (1:21)	6. Knowledge of God (2:12)
7. Leads to condemnation (1:18)	7. Leads to glory (1:18; 2:7) ¹

¹ Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament