Lifegroup Study (AM) – 20th May 2018

**Holy Spirit Series: Part 3 – God’s Hidden Wisdom**

**INTRODUCTION**

In John 14-16 Jesus spent time explaining to His disciples what to expect when the Holy Spirit would come. He said the Holy Spirit would be a helper, a counsellor, a teacher, and would live in us forever. Jesus was going to the Father but the Holy Spirit was to be intimately involved in their personal lives as well as their ministry. He would help them grow in their relationship with the Father and glorify the Son. He enables us to understand God’s heart and will for us as well as enabling us to be discerning as we interact with the world.

**KEY POINTS**

1. The Holy Spirit searches the deep
2. The Holy Spirit is distinct
3. The Holy Spirit gives discernment

**KEY SCRIPTURES**

**1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

**6**We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **7**No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8**None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9**However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
    what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”—
    the things God has prepared for those who love him—

**10**these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11**For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**12**What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.**13**This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. **14**The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. **15**The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,**16**for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord
    so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. If you heard the sermon, was there anything God spoke to you about personally from this message?
2. From these passages, what insights into character of God do you see?
3. From these passages, what do you think God is saying to His people? To you?
4. In **Psalm 139:23-24** David asks God to search his heart and lead him into to everlasting truth. How comfortable are you with asking God to do the same Why/why not?
5. Both Paul and Jesus teach that without the Holy Spirit it is impossible to understand God’s truths. What implications does this have for our own personal relationship with God and how we share the gospel?
6. **James 1:22** says “*Don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves*.” What is the next step you need to take in response to God’s word? (i.e. obedience)

**PRAYER POINTS**

* Thanks to God for the gift of His Holy Spirit and for speaking to us personally
* For each individual to have a personal revelation of what these scriptures mean for them.
* For those who have not yet received the Holy Spirit to be baptised
* For us to grow in discernment and wisdom from the Holy Spirit