



Family Resources for 1 Corinthians 2

week of March 7, 2010

❖ Sunday

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Word of the day: ‘God’s secret plan’

- What is a ‘plan?’
- How important is it to have a plan?
- What was God’s secret plan?
 - that His Son would be born, live as a human without sin, die on the cross, & rise again
 - that Jesus would set us free from sin by His sacrifice
- Does God have other ‘plans?’
 - sure. You can share the following verse:
 - Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
- Talk to God: “Thank you, God, for the forgiveness that comes through Jesus. And thank you for having everything in control. Help us to trust you & your plans...”

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Word of the day: reliance

- What does it mean to ‘rely’ on something?
- What are some things that you rely on?
 - family members
 - God
 - jobs, pension, etc.
- In our passage, what does Paul say he relies on during preaching?
 - the power of the Holy Spirit
- Why is this important?
 - the more we learn to rely upon human wisdom, the less we will rely upon the Lord (who is the only one with all knowledge & wisdom).
 - we make mistakes all the time, therefore we can always be wrong
- Can you honestly say that you rely on the Holy Spirit?
- What can you do to make sure you rely on God & His wisdom rather than your own?
- Talk to God: “Lord, help us to learn to rely on you. You are the one who is all-present, all-knowing, & all-powerful. May we learn to rely not on our own wisdom, but upon the wisdom of the Lord of All...”

❖ **Tuesday**

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-6

Word of the day: mature

- **What does it mean to be mature?**
- **Does someone's age automatically correspond to their maturity level?**
 - *no. Everyone knows young people who are mature & older people who are immature.*
- **How does someone become 'spiritually mature?'**
 - *by becoming a Christian*
 - *by reading the Bible*
 - *by spending time in prayer & fasting*
 - *by going to church*
- **Do you consider yourself to be spiritually mature?**
- **Would God consider you to be spiritually mature?**
- **What will you do today to help you be spiritually mature tomorrow?**
- **Talk to God: "Lord, help me to grow in my walk with you. Next month, I want to not just be a month older, I want to be more spiritually mature..."**

❖ **Wednesday**

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-7

Word of the day: mystery

- **What is a mystery?**
- **What mystery is Paul speaking of?**
 - *God's secret plan to save the world through Jesus' death & resurrection.*
 - *the people could not figure out God's plan for the world*
- **Why is God mysterious?**
 - *because God is so much bigger than us, we can't possibly understand everything*
- **What should we do when we don't understand what God is doing?**
 - *trust Him.*
- **Talk to God: "Lord, thank you for giving us the privilege of knowing Jesus. We know that you are too big for us to understand you, so help us to simply trust you when we don't know what your doing. Thank you for working in our lives..."**

❖ **Thursday**

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

Word of the day: imagination

- **In our passage, Paul is speaking of Heaven. What do you think Heaven will be like?**
 - *streets of gold, no sadness, no bad people*
 - *everybody will be full of joy*
 - *we will get to see Jesus and others Christians who have died*
 - *we will get to meet people from the Bible*
 - I highly recommend reading Revelation 21-22 at another time to enlarge your understanding of Heaven.
- **What person from the Bible would you like to meet & talk to in Heaven?**
- **What family member would you like to see in Heaven?**
- **Who gets to go to Heaven?**
 - *those who have had their sins forgiven by Jesus & follow Him*
 - *those who have made Jesus their Savior & Lord (or Boss)*
 - *all true Christians*
- **How does a view of Heaven impact your daily life?**
 - *you realize that Heaven is our true home & that all of our problems here will one day be no more*
- **Talk to God: “Thank for you the promise of Heaven. We look forward to living with you & seeing our family there. Help us to live each day with an eye on eternity...”**

❖ **Friday**

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

Word of the day: ‘the Spirit’s words’

- **How important are words?**
- **We use words to communicate everyday. In what ways does God communicate with us?**
 - *God speaks to us primarily through the Bible*
 - *through prayer*
 - *through pastors*
 - *through other Christians*
 - *through the gifts of the Spirit at church*
- **Has God spoken to you lately? If so, what did he say?**
 - *if appropriate, feel free to share what God has showed you through his Word (such as conviction of sin, need to trust Him, etc.) This should be personal.*
- **Talk to God: “Jesus, thank you for communicating with us. We want to be aware & listen to everything you tell us. Give us the attentiveness to hear you. Give us the desire to actually listen to you. And give us the courage to obey...”**

❖ Saturday

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:14-16

Word of the day: ‘the mind of Christ’

- **What does it mean to have ‘the mind of Christ?’**
 - *to see the world through ‘Biblical glasses’*
 - *to view people & sin the same way that God does*

- **Who can have the mind of Christ?**
 - *only those who are Christians.*
 - *those who are not true Christians can not understand Christ.*

- **How can we grow in our ability to see the world the way that Jesus does?**
 - *spend time studying the Word of God*

- **Talk to God: “Jesus, help us to see the world as you do. Help us to love people as you love them. Help us to hate sin as you do. Help us to see ourselves as forgiven, just as you see us...”**