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## The Spirit of the Lord 1 Corinthians 2 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

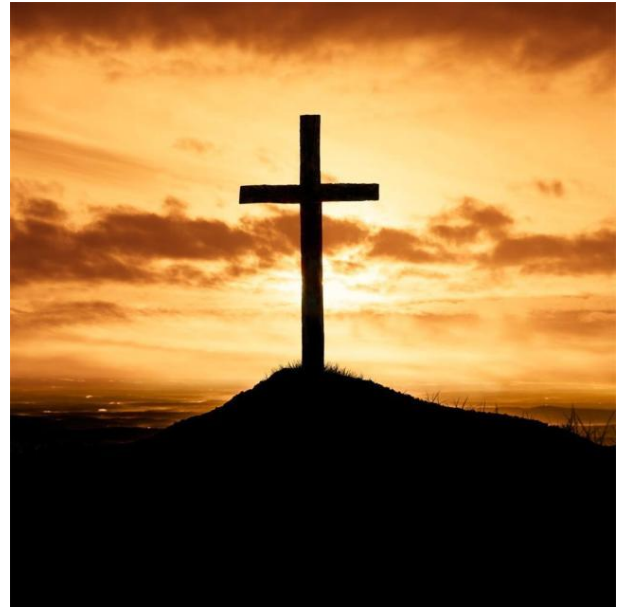
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will be studying the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the book of 1 Corinthians. Paul points out to the church in Corinth that he came humbly speaking the truth of Christ crucified. He also tells them that the Spirit of God allows them to understand the truth of God. The people of the world are unable to understand the truth of God, to them it is foolishness. Join us this week as we look at the work of the Spirit as it enables us to understand all things.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE  
SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT THE  
SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD, THAT  
WE MAY UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD  
HAS FREELY GIVEN US.  
- 1 CORINTHIANS 2:12

## 1 CORINTHIANS 2 NASB

### Paul's Reliance upon the Spirit

**2** And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. **2** For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. **3** I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, **4** and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

**6** Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; **7** but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; **8** *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; **9** but just as it is written,

"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,  
AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,  
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

**10** For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. **11** For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, **13** which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

**14** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. **15** But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. **16** For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.**

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

1. What is the one thing that Paul came to proclaim?
2. What is Paul's point about not coming with superiority of speech or persuasive words?
3. What is the difference between God's wisdom and what we consider man's wisdom?
4. According to this passage why have we received the Spirit?
5. Why is the unbeliever unable to understand the things of God?
6. What allows the spiritual person to discern all things?
7. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?



Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*