

**LEADERS GUIDE: 4/2/17 | 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-3:15**

1. What was helpful or challenging from both the text and sermon this week?

-The text and sermon this week sought to establish a biblical view and language about God and his love for us. As Tyler mentioned, there are ways to talk about God's love which is both biblically informed but also culturally understandable. We also saw Paul's warning to build on the gospel in a way which endures instead of a way which perishes. The three points from the sermon were: Know the love of God through the mind of Christ, Do not mistake Jesus for a mascot, and Know that Jesus must be built on.

2. In 1 Corinthians 2:10-16, Paul says that when we are saved we are given the mind of Christ which enables us to know the "things of God." How does our gospel of salvation help us to know God in a way which is distinct from the world (who knows about God through movies, books...etc.)?

-We know God in a unique way because we are filled with God's Spirit. We are able to both understand what the Bible says about God and also to experience the salvation of God through Jesus Christ. We can talk about God's love in a way which is distinct from culture's love; God's forgiveness in more full way than culture can. Where does culture's view of God fall short of a Christian's view of God? Often times culture responds with confusion to our actions and belief because they cannot understand the implications of following Jesus the same way we will inside of salvation. How does this view help us to have a proper perspective on the Christian life?

3. What would we lose if we disconnected the person of Jesus from the work of Jesus? How is this dangerous? Where are you prone to do this?

-In the sermon Tyler gave a few examples of what we would lose if Jesus becomes merely a "mascot" instead of the one who accomplishes our salvation. We would lose the work of Jesus which enabled salvation, we would lose the heart of the message of salvation (we need a savior to save us from our sins), we would lose our ability to meet the real needs of humanity, and we would lose a perspective of suffering and endurance which the cross gives us. If we lose these things we lose power and endurance for sure, but more importantly we lose the deep relationship we share with God through a right understanding of the gospel. We are all prone to do this in different ways. For example we pray that Jesus would help us to resist sin without truly understanding that his life and work set a pattern for us in our ability to actually conquer sin. We worship Jesus without really pondering what it is which makes Jesus beautiful.