



Supernatural – Supernatural Wisdom Pastor Joseph Zwanziger 08.27.2023

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[1 Corinthians 2:1–16, TPT, 16b, ESV]

¹ My brothers and sisters, when I first came to proclaim to you the secrets of God, I refused to come as an expert, trying to impress you with my eloquent speech and lofty wisdom. ² For while I was with you I was determined to be consumed with one topic—Jesus, the crucified Messiah. ³ I stood before you feeling inadequate, filled with reverence for God, and trembling under the sense of the importance of my words. ⁴ The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God's Holy Spirit. ⁵ For God intended that your faith not be established on man's wisdom but by trusting in his almighty power. ⁶ However, there is a wisdom that we continually speak of when we are among the spiritually mature. It's wisdom that didn't originate in this present age, nor did it come from the rulers of this age who are in the process of being dethroned. ⁷ Instead, we continually speak of this wonderful wisdom that comes from

God, hidden before now in a mystery. It is his secret plan, destined before the ages, to bring us into glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this present world order understood it, for if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of shining glory. ⁹ This is why the Scriptures say: Things never discovered or heard of before, things beyond our ability to imagine — these are the many things God has in store for all his lovers. ¹⁰ But God now unveils these profound realities to us by the Spirit. Yes, he has revealed to us his inmost heart and deepest mysteries through the Holy Spirit, who constantly explores all things. ¹¹ After all, who can really see into a person's heart and know his hidden impulses except for that person's spirit? So it is with God. His thoughts and secrets are only fully understood by his Spirit, the Spirit of God. ¹² For we did not receive the spirit of this world system but the Spirit of God, so that we might come to understand and experience all that grace has lavished upon us. ¹³ And we articulate these realities with the words imparted to us by the Spirit and not with the words taught by human wisdom. We join together Spirit-revealed truths with Spirit-revealed words. ¹⁴ Someone living on an entirely human level rejects the revelations of God's Spirit, for they make no sense to him. He can't understand the revelations of the Spirit because they are only discovered by the illumination of the Spirit. ¹⁵ Those who live in the Spirit are able to carefully evaluate all things, and they are subject to the scrutiny of no one but God. ¹⁶ For Who has ever intimately known the mind of the Lord Yahweh well enough to become his counselor? Christ has, and we have the mind of Christ."

"When you give Jesus your heart, He gives you His mind."

[Proverbs 8:27–31, ESV]

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I (wisdom) was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

[1 Corinthians 1:25, ESV]

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[Psalm 139:17–18, ESV]

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

"The prophetic is our competitive advantage."

- Pastor Wendell Smith

[2 Samuel 5:17–25, ESV]

¹⁷ When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. But David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸ Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim.

¹⁹ And David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?" And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand."

²⁰ And David came to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. And he said, "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me like a breaking flood." Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim.

²¹ And the Philistines left their idols there, and David and his men carried them away.

²² And the Philistines came up yet again and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. ²³ And when David inquired of the Lord, he said, "You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees. ²⁴ And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then the Lord has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines." ²⁵ And David did as the Lord commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from Geba to Gezer.

[1 Corinthians 2:11–12, ESV]

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

How Do We Get the Mind of Christ?

- 1. Learn it (through reading the Word)**
- 2. Marinate in it (through prayer & worship)**
- 3. Eliminate competing thoughts (through fasting)**

[Psalm 69:10, ESV]

I wept and humbled my soul with fasting.

Key Points:

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Applications for the Week:

This week, get the Mind of Christ by reading your Bible daily, set time aside to pray and worship, and try fasting a meal to spend time with God. Expect for God to speak and reveal Himself to you.

Discussion Questions

1. How would your life change if you knew exactly what to do, and when to do it, in every situation?
2. Share a time when you had a "fork in the road" decision to make. How did you determine which way to go?
3. What is the difference between human wisdom and God's wisdom?
4. Pastor Joseph said, "The mind of Christ is our competitive advantage." How have you seen this lived out in your life or someone else's life?
5. How can we develop the mind of Christ?
6. How has reading your Bible, having consistent times of prayer and worship, and Fasting give you the mind of Christ? How did you develop these spiritual habits?
7. Of the three strategies mentioned for getting the mind of Christ, which resonates with you the most? What competing thoughts or voices do you need to eliminate?