

Theme & Passage(s)	<p>Walking in the Wisdom of God</p> <p>1 Cor 2:1-16 + Col 1:26-2:3</p>
Welcome	<p>Working in pairs, sum up in as short a statement as possible, what Paul meant by 'the testimony about God' (1 Cor 2:1). What is the irreducible truth that Paul sought to communicate without 'eloquence or superior wisdom'?</p> <p>Give a prize to the pair who you think do this best in the fewest words. (This is just a bit of fun, no arguments please!)</p>
Worship	<p>Psalms and songs:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBKzCpkXJR4 Here I am to worship (Light of the world)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnqb7Vn4AEE Open the eyes of my heart Lord</p> <p>Worship Ideas:</p> <p>http://engageworship.org/ideas/Shine_On_poem The poem above by David Hopwood can be used to lead meditative prayers of gratitude.</p>
Word/ Read & Reflect	<p>Begin in silence, welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide you.</p> <p>Read 1 Cor 2:1-16 and then be silent. Read again. Be silent once more, attentive to the Spirit.</p> <p>Share out of this experience... What strikes you about the passage? What difficulties do you have with it?</p> <p>If time, consider some of the following questions...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read vv1-2 and 12 again. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What does Paul present here as a key to walking with wisdom in this life? b. How can we apply this practically to our lives? 2. Paul introduces the idea of the Holy Spirit at this point in his letter. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discuss Paul's description of the activity of the Holy Spirit, especially from vv4, 9-10, 12-14. b. What implication does this have for our lives and for how we might approach sharing our faith?
Working it out	<p>Given these realities spend some time praying for one another to have our lives oriented around Jesus and to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit in order to live wise, discerning lives.</p>
Extra	<p>If anyone is seeking wisdom over a particular situation in life commit to pray daily for them and 'check in' with them next week.</p>