



Word notes

Authentic wisdom

Fake news

We all share things for different reasons. Perhaps it's an interesting story, news about a celebrity that you like, or something that made you laugh. But when you see something you like online, do you check to make sure that it's true before you share it?

Have a look at the Snopes website fact check <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/> and discuss some of the fake news stories listed.

- What makes these stories so believable and why are we so keen to believe what we read?

The world is crying out for truth and authenticity

1 Corinthians 1-3 (read it all, or just dip into the chapters as you discuss the points below)

The church in Corinth are divided over the best leaders and there is snobbery over who has been baptised by who.

- How did Paul answer this issue?

The culture and society of the day meant that the Jews demanded signs and the Greeks were looking for wisdom. Paul writes that the crucified Christ is a stumbling block to those who don't believe.

Read:

1 Corinthians 1:23

Isaiah 8:11-15

Isaiah 28:16

- What is meant by a 'stumbling block' and how does this impact us and our faith?
- Discuss whether there are things that have become part of our foundation that are not as firm as we first thought

Paul was very clear to point out that intellectual persuasion doesn't save us, the saving power come from the Holy Spirit. While 'good' preaching can be very helpful as we learn more about God and his message, the real wisdom comes from the Holy Spirit and that is something that is available to us all as believers.

- Discuss together how we can access this wisdom as spiritual people.
- What can we do to make sure that we are hearing the right wisdom?

Paul was seemingly very harsh when he told the church that they were still babies, although they were Christians, they were acting more like the world around them.

- Discuss whether there are areas in our lives where we have perhaps slipped to acting more like the world. What can we do to address these areas?

Pray together

- Ask for God to open our eyes and give us his wisdom from the Holy Spirit
- Confess any areas of our lives where we are acting more worldly than we should and ask God to help us make any changes that we needed

Commit to support each other