

WEEK FOUR | TRUE WISDOM

Do you think much about what process you use to determine what you are going to commit to? We commit to relationships, doctors, entertainment subscriptions, churches, etc. Some commitments are higher stakes than others. Committing to a romantic relationship can be as high or low as the two parties are willing to give to it. Committing to a marriage is a high commitment. Committing to a doctor builds a relationship. Going to a 24-hour clinic is in and out and done.

What process do you generally go through to determine whether you should commit to something major?

THE SITUATION

Read 1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Looking back on making major decisions or commitments in your life, what role did wisdom and experience play?

When you hear the phrase "The wisdom of the world," how does that often conflict with the supernatural nature of God?

TALK ABOUT IT

Remember, Paul is calling the Corinthians out and appealing to them to stop thinking in worldly ways as they did before knowing Jesus. Now that they are getting to know him, they must change their way of thinking.

Read Matthew 28:18 (borrowed from *The Fundamental List* study, North Point Community Church) "We'd be changed instantaneously if we embraced the truth that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus." (Andy Stanley) How would accepting that all authority has been given to Jesus change how you live your daily life as his follower?

How have you seen the phrase "You're too smart for your own good," been a barrier to opening minds and hearts to God and a Savior?

APPLY IT

Read John 4:13–14 (For the full story read 4:4–26)

Spiritually speaking, how are you still thirsty and what can you do to never be thirsty again?

PRAY

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.