1. **1 Corinthians 1:17-20**
* Read the footnote for **verse 17.**
* Look up the definition of the words “**Sophia**” and “**Logos**,” and discuss what they mean.
* Explain what Paul is saying in **verse 17** in your own words?
* **Verse 18** is a very popular quote, read it again silently, reflect on it, and share its meaning with the group.
1. **1 Corinthians 1:21-25**
* Read the **footnote** to **verses 21-25.**
* Quote a verse that interest you from **verses 21-25** and share what draws you to it.
1. **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**
* According to Paul what type of person did God choose to share his message?
* If you have something of extreme importance to share with others, would this be the type of person you would have chosen to announce your message?
* Why do you think God chose this type of person for his purpose?
* Use some of the words from **verse 30** to describe Jesus.
* **Jeremiah 9:22-23**
* Compare **Jeremiah 9:22-23** with Paul’s final words in **verse 31** and share your thoughts.
1. **1 Corinthians 2:1**
* Read the footnote for **1 Corinthians 2:1**, what word was used in place of “mystery” in some manuscripts?
* Does this seem to change the meaning of what is said to you, please explain?
1. **1 Corinthians 2:2-5**
* Explain what you believe Paul is trying to say in **verse 2** (paraphrase it).
* How do you believe Paul gave testimony about Jesus Christ to the community, since he did not use “persuasive words of wisdom”? What do you think convinced them?
1. **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**
* In **verse 9**, where have we heard this before in our time (other than this reading)?
* **Isaiah 64:2-3, Zephaniah 1:7**
* Do you believe these two readings pertain to what Paul is elaborating on in **verses 6-10**, if so please explain?
* **Sirach 2:15-17, John 14:21**
* What do those “who love” God do?
* **Sirach 34:16**
* What does God do for “those who love him”?
* Share 2 things that stood out to you in these readings today.