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1 Corinthians 2:1-5

“Words That Can Build Faith”

1. Our words can build faith when they are based on _____ rather than worldly wisdom (v. 1)
2. Our words can build faith when they are focused on _____ and _____ (v. 2)
3. Our words can build faith when they are in the _____ (vv. 4-5)

Study Questions for 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1. When you desire to share the gospel do you ever find your self debating or trying to reason someone to faith? If you did, what was the outcome? How could it have gone better?
2. Why do you think that many people try to lead others to Christ through scientific or arguments based on reason?
3. Is there a time and place for dealing with scientific arguments? If you find yourself dealing with objections to the gospel based on science or reason, what are some things you should remember to do?
4. What does the testimony about God mentioned in verse 1 include?
5. How can you know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified in your daily life? At home? Work? With family? Interacting with people in your daily life? v. 2.
6. Why did Paul come to the Corinthians in weakness, fear, and much trembling? Did that alter his message/testimony to the gospel? Does it alter yours when faced with fear?
7. Do you remember a time that you were afraid to share the gospel? What are some problems with being afraid to share the gospel? How can we get over that fear? (see Eph. 6:19).

8. In verse 4 Paul wrote that, “My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.” What might that demonstration look like? Have you seen this? (see 1 Thes. 1:4-10)
9. What could potentially be wrong with someone praying to receive Jesus after you win a debate with them? v. 5.
10. What are the advantages of our faith resting on God's power instead of men's wisdom? What are some examples of how a faith founded on God's power might respond to trials in life?