

**THE NATURAL MAN**

1 Corinthians 2:14-16, Romans 12:2, 2 Timothy 1:7, Philippians 4:8

This discussion is based on the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship study “Stand Firm”, available at https://leadmin.org/standfirm.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• Have you ever pulled off a prank for April Fool’s Day? If yes, what was it?

* Did you every convince someone else that something is true even though you knew it wasn’t? What was the “false truth”?
* What is the best “dad joke” you’ve ever heard?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-16. Why does someone without the Spirit of God see spiritual things as foolish?

* What does the Spirit of God help us do with respect to spiritual truths and wisdom?
* How do these verses contrast someone with the Spirit of God versus without?
* What does it mean to have “the mind of Christ”?
* Read Romans 12:2. How should our minds be different from those “of the world?”
* Read 2 Timothy 1:7. How does God’s Spirit in us affect us?
* Read Philippians 4:8. How does God’s Spirit affect what we think about?
* How will your leadership be affected by having “the mind of Christ?”
* Will leading with “the mind of Christ” look different than leading with the “wisdom of the world?” In what ways, specifically?



• How can “the mind of Christ” make you a better leader? How can you think differently about your leadership and influence based on the Spirit of God?

* In what way should you treat those in your sphere of influence who consider the things of God to be “foolish”?
* Are there actions and attitudes that might change in you as a result of having “the mind of Christ?” How will these affect your relationships with those closest to you?