

May 17, 2020. Come Together,  
Part 5, Follow The Leader

**Ice breaker: Would you rather.**

Would you rather be the smartest person at a party, or the most ignorant person at a party? Why?

What are the advantages of being the smartest person at a party?

What are the advantages of being the most ignorant person at a party?

Why do we often confuse “smart” with “knowledgable?”

Why do we often confuse “ignorance” with “unintelligence?”

What do you remember from the message?

What were some things that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

READ Proverbs 26:12

“Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

What does that verse mean?

Why is there “more hope for a fool” than for a person who is “wise in their own eyes?”

Mark Twain once said *“What gets us into trouble is not what we don't know. It's what we know for sure that just ain't so.”* What did he mean by that?

READ 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

“With regard to food sacrificed to idols, we know that “we all have knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. If someone thinks he knows something, he does not yet know to the degree that he needs to know. But if someone loves God, he is known by God.”

Paul's comments are in the context of a dispute that arose between Christians about whether or not it was sinful to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols. Do his comments also apply to other kinds of disputes between Christians?

How would you paraphrase these verses. [Invite different group members to put those verses into their own words.]

Paul implies that knowledge is a good thing, but has a potential downside. What is the downside?

Does love have a "downside"? What are some "downsides" to love? If there are extremely intellectually gifted and highly educated people who sharply disagree on certain issues, (even scientific issues), what might that be evidence of?

READ: 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NET)

"I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree together, to end your divisions, and to be united by the same mind and purpose."

How is this possible when it's clear that there will always be things even the most unified people disagree on?

How would you describe spiritual blindness?

What happens (according to Jim) when you begin to receive spiritual sight?