

Scripture this week:

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

²⁶What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³²and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. ³⁵If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church. ³⁶Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? ³⁷If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰But all things should be done decently and in order.

The Beauty and Purpose of the Church

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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God's desire is that we live to encourage one another!

We live to encourage others in the love of Jesus.

We lovingly interact with one another according to the roles God has given us.

We happily and wholeheartedly live by the principles we get from God.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Reading the Text:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1 and 8-12, 13:1-3, 14:1-3, and 14:26. Describe in your own words the flow of these ideas?
2. As Paul gets into specific expressions that occur during their gatherings - remember the definitions of each expression. What does Paul mean by tongues? By prophecy? By revelation?
3. When we get to v. 34, we know Paul does not mean that women are not to pray or prophecy because he already affirmed that practice in 11:5. So, based on the flow of thoughts we reviewed in question 1, what might be the issue with the speech that Paul intends to silence?
4. In vv. 39 - 40, why is it important to Paul that things be done with order? How does that fit with v. 26?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. 1 Peter 4:8-11 and Romans 12:6-10 are two other primary passages about spiritual gifts. Both (and Corinthians) exhort the believers to using their gifts in a loving way toward each other. Based on this, what seems to be the most common abuse of the spiritual gifts?

Living It Out:

6. Have you ever had a church experience where the service didn't seem to have the goal of encouraging the worship of God? How did you feel? What were your conclusions about what was happening?
7. What are the ways worship services can ensure that the truth of God is made available to encourage and instruct all who attend?
8. What about for our Life Groups? How do we best ensure that the people in our Life Groups are able to be built up - encouraged, comforted, challenged? How would we know if it's happening, or not happening?