

Church in the Park: God's Beautiful Gifted church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Discussion Guide: October 23, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. - 1 Corinthians 14:1

Did you exercise a spiritual gift this past week for the benefit of another believer?

OPEN:

- What is it like to attend a disorderly meeting or gathering?
- Why is organization important when there is a task to be accomplished?

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

- After reading this text, what would you assume were problems within the Corinthian worship gatherings?
 - o What guidelines for worship gatherings are found in this text?
- How might a church exhibit disorder in its worship?
- How do you perceive our worship services parallel verse 26? In what ways do our services not parallel verse 26?
- What do you make of Paul's instruction about women being silent?
 - o What has formed your views of women's roles in the church?
 - o What has been your understanding of "women's roles"?
 - o In light of our study of 1 Corinthians (and other passages on women and women's roles in scripture) how have your views been affirmed or challenged?
- Verse 33 says, "God is not God of disorder but of peace." What significance does this have to you?
- In what ways do you think a worship gathering should be orderly? In what ways should it be spontaneous?

APPLY:

- What could our church learn from the Corinthians apparent enthusiasm in worship?
- NEXT STEP: How can you participate in gatherings of a church in a way that strengthens the church? (*Consider our "strengthen cornerstone" value: S- Stick as family, T- Take responsibility, R- Reach as you go, O - be Open to God, N- Never stop praying, G- Give all you've got*).

Memory Work:

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. - 1 Corinthians 14:26

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11