



1 Corinthians 14

Three tough issues in this passage

- 1) Tongues
- 2) Prophecy
- 3) Women speaking in church

- Corinthian services were craziness. Everyone was doing their thing and trying to be the man
- This isn't doing anyone any good
- New people are going to be driven away (ver 23)

1 Corinthians 14:26-33

- Paul says they need some order and organization in the service
- This doesn't mean everything has to be super rigid but it shouldn't be chaos either

*Are we doing things that would drive people away from our group?

1 Corinthians 14:34-35

- Paul doesn't ban all women from speaking in church
- I don't know exactly what was going on but apparently some married women were doing something that was distracting and disrespectful to their husbands and the leadership of the church

*Are you being disrespectful or disruptive?

1 Corinthians 14:5

- Paul says he would rather they prophecy in church than speak in tongues

-Tongues

- speaking in a human language that you shouldn't know
- the Corinthians were really into speaking in tongues

-Two issues with tongues in church

- 1) no one knows what the person is saying
- 2) the purpose of tongues was actually to reach out to lost people from different languages (ver 22)

-tongues are cool but it's really just about you getting something for yourself

-Prophecy

- sharing a word from God
- 1) not necessarily predicting the future
- 2) needs to line up with what the Bible says

-Bible times prophecy no longer happens, today we share and explain what's already been written in the Bible

-prophecy actually gives something that is beneficial to others

Paul addresses a few things going on in the Corinthian service

*Do we come to church just for ourselves or for other?

1 Corinthians 14:12

-the purpose is to build each other up, as people and in our relationship with the Lord

*Are we doing anything that is keeping people away from our group?

*Are we being disrespectful or distracting?

*Are we building each other up?

