

Final Instructions for Church Gatherings – I Corinthians 14:26-40

When the church comes together, all things should be done in an orderly way so that everyone is built up (14:26-33a).

When the church comes together, all things should be done in an honorable way that respects gender roles (14:33b-35).

When the church comes together, all things should be done in a faithful way that submits to the authority of God's Word (14:36-40).

Application & Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any questions about the meaning of today's passage?
2. Have you experienced church services that seemed chaotic and confusing? What made them feel this way?
3. Why is Paul so concerned about church gatherings being orderly?
4. From the description of church life in 14:26-32, are you surprised by the amount of participation that was potentially happening in church gatherings? How might this challenge us to pursue more participation in our gatherings?
5. Why should we conclude that Paul is not commanding in 14:34-35 total silence for women in church gatherings but forbidding a certain kind of speech? (See I Corinthians 11:5.)
6. Why does true spirituality believe the Bible? Do you acknowledge that Paul's writings in the New Testament are God's Word?
7. How does this passage challenge you personally?