

1 Corinthians  
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed –07/20/20

1 Corinthians – Lesson 16  
1 Corinthians 14:26-40

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33. What elements of worship were present in the early church? What was their overall purpose? (v. 26)
2. What three restrictions did Paul put on speaking in tongues when they all came together to worship?
3. What three restrictions did Paul put on prophets? (vv. 29-31) Why? Why must the *others weigh carefully what is said*? What does that imply?
4. What is the divine reality behind these restrictions? (vv. 32-33a)
5. Read 1 Corinthians 14:33b-35. This is obviously highly disputed passage that seemingly contradicts what Paul said in 11:5 where Paul acknowledged that women prayed and prophesied in church. Keeping in mind verse 29b and Paul's focus on orderly worship, what guidelines does he give in these verses? Why might he have done so? (Several interpretations will be given in class.)
6. Read 1 Corinthians 14:36-40. What was Paul's purpose behind the two rhetorical questions found in v. 36?
7. What was the true test of legitimacy for someone who claimed to be a prophet or spiritually gifted?
8. With what authority did Paul write? Can we ignore God's Word with impunity? What did Paul mean in v. 38? (Ignored by whom?)
9. What are the three points found in Paul's conclusion to his teaching on spiritual gifts? (vv. 39-40)