

Coming back to our first question, how can the passage as a whole help us in our worship together?

Week beginning 28th October 2024
Sermon: Sunday 3rd November 2024

Study 14: Gifts used for others

Readings: 1Corinthians 14

This passage deals with orderly worship and use of gifts in church. Why do you think it is important to have appropriate order when we meet together? What is the danger of having too much or too little order?

Read 1Corinthians 14:1 - 25:

From previous passages and this one it appears that the church in Corinth placed great value on the gift of tongues. What do verses 1 - 5 reveal about why Paul prefers prophecy to (uninterpreted) tongues?

What illustrations does Paul use to show why (uninterpreted) tongues do not build up the church (v6 - 12)?

What remedy does Paul suggest (v13 - 19)?

In what ways might we be guilty of meaningless or mindless worship today?

How can Paul's counsel help us to avoid this?

What does Paul say about the purpose of tongues and prophecy (v 20 - 25)?

Why would prophetic speech rather than tongues cause visitors to sense God in their midst (v23 - 25)?

Read 1Corinthians 14:26 - 40:

What guidelines does Paul give for when people should speak in tongues and when they should be silent (v27 - 28)?

Under what circumstances should prophets speak or remain silent, and why (v29 - 33)?

What do you make of Paul's instruction about women being silent, especially since in 1Cor 11:5 he expected women to pray and prophesy (v34 - 35)?