

Life Group Notes
Sunday 23 April 2017

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Passage: 1 Corinthians 14:26-33a

Title: Orderly Worship

We are now at the culmination of this section of the letter...a summing up of chapters 12, 13 + 14, how spiritual gifts work together as the church gathers.

The Corinthian church was in chaos and disorder. With the loudest pushing themselves to the front to be heard

Intentional, Participation, Edification, Understandable and order.

1. Intentional

Paul uses the word '**when**'..... v26when you come together.

When implies an expectation to meet...when you meet, that you will meet. And implies whenever you meet whether in large or small setting.

Could be as we gather on a Sunday, but also these gifts can be at work as we gather in the week, in lifegroups, in our prayer meetings, as friends....

The writer to Hebrews encourages us not to give up meeting together. To make it a priority.

Let's be intentional and have a when in our DNA rather than an if.

2. Participation

As we come together **each one** of us can make a contribute

When we gather can we come with an expectancy and anticipation that God wants to use us and speak through us. It's an overflow of our life and week with Him. Let faith arise and let's stir ourselves again in these gifts. Let's encourage each other to be courageous and take 'the walk of courage' because all of us that win if develop a culture like that.

3. Edification

'let all things be done for building up'.

As we see these gifts displayed we build the church, we strengthen each other.

Edification comes from a Latin term to do with construction and building.

Building up of the soul...to help improve you in some way.

4. Understandable

Ensuring all can understand what is being said, what is going on...not abstract.

The suggestion made of 2 or 3 tongues or prophecies isn't prescriptive or a formula to use when we gather, must have this; but a helpful guideline so things don't get chaotic.

Speaking in tongues should not be allowed during worship unless there is an interpreter.

Before you speak out pray that there will be an interpretation.

As a word of revelation or prophecy is given those hearing can weigh it, unless directional then the Elders will do that. Does it glorify God? Is it in accord with the Bible? Does it build up the church? Is it spoken in love? Does the speaker submit to others?

Sometimes you might see the original word built on, filled out or developed.

The person giving the word, remains in control.

5. Order

v³³ For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

Here at RFC we want to see God honouring worship and this is done in an orderly manner.

If you feel you have something you wish to share, go to the meeting leader and together will see where/if/how fits in to the flow of things.

Questions

1. How intentional am I about being with the household of God?
2. What part can/do/have I played as we gather?
3. Do I understand what is going on around me?
4. Do you think we have God honouring orderly worship at RFC?