

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: July 14, 2019
1 Corinthians 14:26-40

1. What did we talk about last week in verses 6-25?
 - a. The purpose of the gifts that God gives.
 - b. The importance and value of using gifts that build others up.
 - c. The uselessness (and even possible divisiveness) of speaking a language that nobody around you speaks.

2. What does Paul say in verse 26?
 - a. He is describing their worship.
 - b. He seems to be affirming hymns (no not just the ones in the book, but songs of praise).
 - c. He says that some bring a ‘word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation.’
 - d. He is describing how different people are involved in the worship service to bring their own gifts so that the church, as a whole, is built up.

3. What is Paul describing in verses 27-28?
 - a. He seems to be affirming people standing up and speaking in prayer languages or heavenly languages that nobody understands.
 - b. He is describing a worship service that looks like heaven...people united despite their language differences and worshiping together.
 - c. He says that what is said should always be interpreted so that everyone else can understand what is said.
 - d. He points out that it is not useful for somebody that speaks a different language who doesn’t have an interpreter to stand up and speak to the congregation, but the presence of God is still there so they can still worship with the Church and pray.

4. What is going on in verses 29-33?
 - a. The worship services in that day seem less structured and more inclusive of the congregation.
 - b. It sounds like there was not only one pastor who spoke into the lives of the congregation, but there were others with gifts that commonly stood up to speak to the congregation.
 - c. It sounds like Paul was trying to give a little more order to their gatherings. The less structured the gathering is, the more there needs to be clear understanding of what is appropriate and what is not or things can get out of hand really quickly.
 - d. Verses 32-33 seem to be pointing out the importance of self-control even when we are using the gifts that God has given us...and pointing out that sometimes the reason we are ‘running over’ and taking the time of others is not because of the Spirit, but because of our own ego and the control we exercise (or don’t).

5. Whoa, what about verses 34-35 (see Galatians 3:28 and then page 2 for more resources)?

6. What is the point of this whole passage, according to verse 40? _____

From paragraph 501 of the Manual, Church of the Nazarene:

...we believe interpreting these passages as limiting the role of women in ministry presents serious conflicts with specific passages of scripture that commend female participation in spiritual leadership roles (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-18; 21:8-9; Romans 16:1, 3, 7; Philippians 4:2-3), and violates the spirit and practice of the Wesleyan-holiness tradition. Finally, it is incompatible with the character of God presented throughout Scripture, especially as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

Extensive Resources on Women in Ministry:

<https://www.whdl.org/collections/resources-usacanada-modular-course-study-foundations-womens-ordination>

Key helpful resources found on this page:

<https://vimeo.com/152633286>

https://www.whdl.org/sites/default/files/publications/WynkoopCenter_Difficult%20Passages%20in%20the%20NT%201-5.pdf