

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Study Guide

Orderly Gatherings to Build Up the Church

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Major Points

- 1 Every spiritual gift exists to build up the body of Christ, not to glorify the individual using it**
1 Corinthians 14:26
- 2 Tongues without interpretation and prophecy without evaluation produce chaos, not edification**
1 Corinthians 14:27-28
- 3 All prophetic words must be weighed against Scripture — if it contradicts God's Word, it is not from God**
1 Corinthians 14:29
- 4 God is a God of peace, not confusion, and corporate worship must reflect that character**
1 Corinthians 14:33
- 5 Every believer has been entrusted with a gift and will be held accountable for how they steward it**
1 Peter 4:10

Key Quotes

“The whole purpose of your gift is to build up those around you.
at 0:56

“God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.
at 11:28

“Brother, I don't care what you tell me. That doesn't line up with scripture. I don't think that's God speaking to you. I think someone's lying to you.
at 13:54

“I think there's a difference between a talent and a gift. A talent you can get better at. You can work really hard at. You work really hard at something, you can get good at it. That's a talent. I would argue a gift is something that just happens.
at 25:35

“If you do not know how he wants to use me. Perfect. Just say, God, here I am. Use me. And watch what he does.
at 29:50

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Yule uses a cereal bowl to illustrate that every gift is essential. What gift has God given you, and what happens to the people around you when you do not use it?
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2. Pastor Yule says God is not a God of confusion but of peace. How does the way your church conducts worship reflect or fail to reflect that truth?
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3. Pastor Yule distinguishes between a talent and a spiritual gift, arguing that a gift produces results only God could accomplish. How can you tell whether you are operating in a talent or a spiritual gift?
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4. Pastor Yule confronted a man who claimed God told him to divorce his wife. What practical steps can believers take to weigh a prophetic word against Scripture before acting on it?
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5. Pastor Yule shares how his wife Brooke chose not to publicly undermine his preaching despite a private disagreement. How can married couples support each other's ministry even when they are not on the same page personally?
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Word Studies

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Greek

Woman or wife. The same word is used in Ephesians 5:22-24 and 1 Peter 3:1 (translated 'wife') and in 1 Corinthians 14:34 (translated 'woman'). The dual meaning is central to interpreting whether Paul addresses all women or specifically wives in the worship-order passage.

Usage: 221 times in NT

οἰκοδομή oikodome

Greek

Building up, edification. From oikos (house) + doma (building). In 1 Corinthians 14:26 Paul uses it to state the controlling purpose of corporate worship: 'Let all things be done for building up.' It describes the constructive strengthening of the community, not mere emotional uplift.

Usage: 18 times in NT

εὐσχημόνως euschemonos

Greek

Decently, properly, in a becoming manner. From eu (well) + schema (form, figure). Used in 1 Corinthians 14:40 in the summary command 'all things should be done decently and in order,' establishing the twin standard of propriety and structure for Christian worship.

Usage: 3 times in NT (Rom 13:13; 1 Cor 14:40; 1 Thess 4:12)

Cross References

Romans 12:4-8

Paul uses the same body metaphor to teach that different members have different gifts — prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation — and each must be exercised according to the measure of faith, paralleling the orderly-use argument in 1 Corinthians 14.

Ephesians 4:11-16

Paul identifies apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers as gifts given to equip the saints so the body grows and builds itself up in love — the same 'building up' purpose Kevin emphasizes throughout this sermon.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22

The Old Testament test for false prophecy — if a prophet speaks in the Lord's name and it does not come true, the Lord has not spoken — provides the scriptural foundation for Kevin's insistence that all prophetic claims must be weighed against God's revealed Word.

1 John 4:1

John commands believers to 'test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world,' directly supporting Paul's instruction to weigh what prophets say in 1 Corinthians 14:29.

1 Timothy 2:11-12

Paul's instruction about women learning quietly in 1 Timothy parallels the 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 passage and provides additional context for the ongoing scholarly discussion about the scope and application of these worship-order directives.

Further Reading

- **The First Epistle to the Corinthians (New International Commentary on the New Testament)**
by Gordon D. Fee
- **Showing the Spirit: A Theological Exposition of 1 Corinthians 12-14**
by D. A. Carson
- **The Body: Being Light in Darkness**
by Charles Colson

Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
1 Corinthians 14:26-28	Read Aloud	8 : 40	<i>What then, brothers? When you come together, each ...</i>
1 Corinthians 14:29-33	Read Aloud	13 : 10	<i>Let two or three prophets speak, and let the other...</i>
1 Corinthians 14:34-35	Read Aloud	18 : 10	<i>The women should keep silent in the churches. For ...</i>
1 Corinthians 14:36-38	Read Aloud	23 : 30	<i>Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or a...</i>
1 Corinthians 14:39-40	Read Aloud	25 : 00	<i>So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and...</i>
1 Corinthians 11:5	Referenced	21 : 40	<i>But every wife who prays or prophesies with her he...</i>
1 Corinthians 13:1	Referenced	12 : 00	<i>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, bu...</i>
1 Peter 4:10	Referenced	26 : 15	<i>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one a...</i>
Ephesians 5:22	Referenced	19 : 00	
1 Corinthians 7:12-14	Referenced	19 : 20	