

THE CREW, THE FOREMEN, AND THE BLUEPRINT

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

The church is built by...

- An organized, engaged construction crew:
Express your grace-gifts in an orderly way.

- Recognizing the foremen:
Recognize the proper role of men and women.

- An authoritative blueprint:
Recognize the authority of God's Word.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Have you ever thought about your mandate from Jesus as being to build the church? How is this expressed in your life?
2. As you think about what it means to be part of an orderly, engaged construction crew that is building the church, would you say that you struggle more with being engaged or orderly? Why?
3. How does building up the church relate to reaching the lost? (See Acts 9:31)
4. How should a time of private, devotional worship be different from corporate, assembled worship? How should expressing our gifts be different between Home Groups and Sunday Morning?
5. From these passages, what are the different things that should characterize church gatherings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Tim 4:11-16; 2 Tim 4:1-5; 1 Cor 14:26?
6. For men, what does it mean to be a spiritual leader in your home? For women, what does it mean to affirm your husband's spiritual leadership?
7. Have you ever obeyed the Bible when you really didn't want to? How did that turn out?
8. What is a way you could do better at recognizing the authority of the Bible in your life?

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