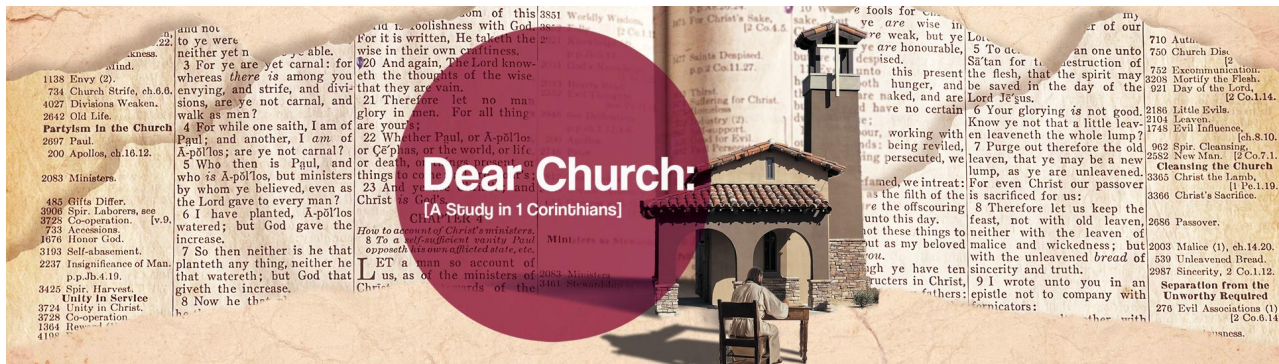




Orderly Gatherings to Build Up the Church

1 Corinthians 14:26-40 | Kevin Yule

REVIEW: Throughout this letter to the believers in Corinth, the apostle Paul has addressed a series of issues. He continues his discussion on the spiritual gifts of prophecy and tongues, and he specifically instructs the church on the need for order within the service gathering. This passage has implications for our faith, community, and mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. Take the time to read the entire passage aloud as a group. Then discuss the following:

Grow in Your Faith:

1. What did God personally impress upon your heart from the 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 message/passage? What are the “big picture” takeaways for you?
2. What did you find particularly challenging from the text? Helpful?
3. The general idea of “order” offers great comfort to others (i.e., a sense of routine, etc.) while others may mistakenly perceive it as rigid, predictable, or an effort to control the room. But Paul’s point is that orderliness is necessary within a worship gathering (v. 40). Share reasons why he desires orderliness, and how can you respond to those who lean toward the second perspective?

Connect in Community:

4. Where are there elements of / places in our worship service that are designed to build up the body of Christ and encourage others in their gifting and/or walk with Christ?
5. Has anyone specifically spoken God’s word into your life at a Sunday gathering and those words brought great encouragement to you in a specific season of life that was difficult? Can you share?

Live on Mission:

6. As you hear people around you claim to have messages from the Lord, it is important that we measure their words against what God’s word says/affirms. Can

you share an example when you heard someone claim to have a word from God? How did you respond? And do we feel confident enough in our knowledge of God's word to weigh their words accordingly? If not, what should we do, or how should we respond?

7. As a point of outreach, let's talk about the Feed My Children packing event. This is an opportunity to invite friends or neighbors who are not Christians to pack with us. Spend time praying for the FMSC event as a group, and talk about what we might do to get others to join us.