

This Week

Churchwide
Worship Services Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Bible Fellowships Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Small Groups
Women’s Community Group Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in the Loft
Adult Studies
The Book of Matthew Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Dining Room
The Book of Acts Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room
Men
Solid Answers to Serious Questions Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft
Samson Society Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library
Friday Morning Study Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room
Women
Thanksgiving Craft Monday, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Dining Room
Respectfully Yours Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
Breath Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208
MOMs Book Study Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208

Senior Adults
Tuesday Afternoon Study Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in Room 111
Senior High
The Arc Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 PM at the Lamar Baptist
Senior High Youth Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.
Junior High
Junior High Youth Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.
5th & 6th Grade
Breakaway Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft
Pine Cove Weekend Friday–Sunday in Tyler, TX
Children
Kids’ Quest Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Children’s Area
College & Career
Late Night Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.
Young Adults
Fall Social Friday, 6:00–8:00 PM at 2410 Clayton

This Morning

Lesson 28: Necessary Guidelines—*1 Corinthians 14:26–40*
Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I.

Facilitating the use of spiritual gifts: The meeting of the church should facilitate the use of spiritual gifts and talents in order to build up other believers—*1 Corinthians 14:26*.
- II.

Guidelines for the use of spiritual gifts: Glossolalia and prophecy were to be used in a prescribed manner to preserve order when the church met together—*1 Corinthians 14:27–33a*.

A.

A maximum of three utterances of glossolalia, followed by an interpretation by one person, were permitted whenever the church gathered together—*1 Corinthians 14:27–28*.

B.

A maximum of three prophetic utterances were permitted when the church was gathered together, and each was to be scrutinized by someone with the gift of discernment—*1 Corinthians 14:29–32*.

C.

The necessity of regulating the use of spiritual gifts when the church gathers together is based on the integrated order within the character of God—*1 Corinthians 14:33a*.
- III.

Guidelines for women in meetings of the church: Women are not to assume a position of spiritual authority over the entire congregation when the church meets together—*1 Corinthians 14:33b–35*.

A.

Women are to follow the Savior’s mandate and general teaching of Torah by refraining from the use of their speaking gifts in church-wide worship services—*1 Corinthians 14:33b–34*.

The silence is not absolute for at least three biblical reasons:

1. Contextually, the silence concerns the exercise of tongues and prophecy.

2. Colossians 3:16 would exclude “singing” with its pre-approved content.

3. Ephesians 5:19–20 would exclude “giving thanks” or sharing.
- B.

Women are prohibited from initiating dialogue in worship services as a form of teaching and instead grow by dialoguing in their homes—*1 Corinthians 14:35*.
- IV.

Guidelines for our opinions about the ordering of church-wide meetings: We’re called to acknowledge that the legitimate guidelines for church-wide services rightfully come from the risen Savior—*1 Corinthians 14:36–40*.

A.

Biblical prescriptions are applicable to all of us—*1 Corinthians 14:36*.

B.

Anyone with any degree of spiritual maturity should easily be able to conclude that the apostolic guidelines for the church come directly from God—*1 Corinthians 14:37*.

C.

Anyone who disregards Christ’s mandated guidelines for His church will be left alone to follow his own preconceived ideas about how the church should operate—*1 Corinthians 14:38*.

D.

The exercise of all the spiritual gifts, and especially prophecy and glossolalia, is to be encouraged and facilitated in an orderly manner—*1 Corinthians 14:39–40*.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning’s topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

1.

In this passage, Paul is outlining some rules and structure for the use of tongues and prophetic utterances. What do you think a Grace Church service would look like without planning or structure? What would you take away from a service like that?
2.

When you think of rules or boundaries as they pertain to a Christian context such as Grace Church, what kind of emotions does that stir? How do you feel about such rules?
3.

When are limited options a bad thing? Give an example of when you had limited options and it was a bad thing. When are limited options a good thing? Give an example of when having limited options is a good thing.
4.

According to this passage, why did God impose guidelines and limitations for tongues and prophetic utterances? What would a service without these specific guidelines look like?
5.

Discuss how the Bible describes God’s view of women, and how He values them in comparison to men. How does this specific passage work in harmony with how the rest of Scripture describes God’s view and value of women?
6.

Why would God give instruction for specific guidelines for women? What might be His purpose for those rules?