Orderly Church Service 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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I. God is the author of peace. 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

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"The Corinthians' public worship practices not only failed to be edifying and convicting, but they also involved ______ conduct." (Dr. Thomas Constable)

- As a prophet speaks, others are to *judge*. No "word from the Lord" should be received without careful consideration by the
 - ______ of the church and also tested by the Word of God.
- Worry is sin. When we worry it shows we are not _____ God.

II. Women disrupting the service. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

The apparent contradiction is explained by most commentators by saying "Paul probably means women do not have the right to judge prophecy, something ______ to male leadership."

"It has nothing to do with prophecy or prayer; it is not ______ speaking as such." (Allan Redpath)

III. Paul asserts his authority. 1 Corinthians 14:36-38

"In these verses, Paul was answering the church member who might say, 'We don't need Paul's help! The Spirit ______ to us.'" (Wiersbe)

 In *1 Corinthians 14:38* Paul was not suggesting that people should remain *ignorant*; otherwise, he would not have written this letter and their questions.

IV. All things done orderly. 1 Corinthians 14:39-40

Jesus is the only One who is ______ of all praise, glory and honor; so if we are exercising Spiritual gifts, they are to be done in His power and for His Glory to edify His body!

- We exist as a church to bring Praise and Glory to our _____, Jesus Christ (through worship, service, unity).
- We exist to share the _____ with the lost.
- We exist to make disciples, ______ the Saints (teaching).
- We exist to encourage each other in ______.
- V. Conclusion.

The way to keep order and peace within the Church is to follow the Lord's for His body.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

- Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-31. What were the things causing disunity and disorder within the Corinthian Church? What is the goal of the church meeting together?
 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 14:12, 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Read 1 Corinthians 14:32-33. How should the hearers of a message check out what is being taught? Matthew 7:24-27, Acts 17:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:21
- How can a person find peace?
 Isaiah 26:3, John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 1 Peter 5:6-7
- **4.** Read **1** *Corinthians* **14:34-35***.* What was the main issue with women speaking inside of the Corinthian church services?
- Read 1 Corinthians 14:36-38. Why did the Apostle Paul seek to validate his words as authoritative? What warning can we learn about receiving new revelation?
 Matthew 16:17, Hebrews 1:1, Revelation 22:18-19
- **6.** Discuss the four things listed from point **IV.** of the sermon note sheet for why Living Faith Fellowship exists.
- 7. Read *Ephesians 4:11-16* and discuss the order of the Church that is given.