

1 Spending Time with Jesus in I Corinthians Chapter 14

Invite Jesus to speak to you as you read this week.

1st: read I or II Corinthians (read the one you didn't read last week) all the way through, the whole book, imagining you are Paul saying this to the church in Corinth. To help you remember and ENJOY what you are reading, read out loud for at least 15 minutes each time (longer would be even better.)

2nd: read chapter 14 by themselves to remember what it is about.

3rd: read chapter 14 again and write down what stands out to you.

What do you notice?

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Third read through, answer questions as you go:

I Corinthians 14

How many times does Paul use the words “edifies” or “edified” and “built up” in this chapter?


What does “edify” mean? (hint: what is an edifice?) Dictionaries are allowed 😊

What does Paul say about building in I Cor. 3:10-15?

- Paul, by God's _____ laid a _____ as a wise _____
- Someone else is _____ on that _____, which is _____
- Each one should _____ with _____ because they can't lay a different foundation.
- Each builder's _____ will be revealed with _____, and the _____ will test the quality of each _____ work. They will receive a reward if what has been built _____. If it is _____ up, the _____ will suffer loss but yet will be saved...though yikes!

What does Paul call that building in 3:16-17? _____

What does Paul say about building in I Cor. 8:1? _____ builds _____

Huh...does that sound familiar? Where has Paul talked about  ?

What does Paul mean by “Follow the way of love” (14:1)?

Paul says in I Cor. 12:31 that we are to eagerly desire the greater gifts. Keeping in mind what you’ve written so far, what does Paul say makes some gifts greater than others? Think about what Paul has been repeating. If you are still not sure, look at 12:12.

In 12:31, why didn’t he just say, “Now desire the greater gifts”? Why did he add “eagerly”? (Hint: 14:12)

What two gifts of the Spirit is Paul comparing in 14:1-25?

Write down some of the comparisons he makes in this chart below. What are 5 things he says about the gift of tongues and 5 things he says about the gift of prophecy?

TONGUES (<i>Languages</i>)	PROPHECY

What do you think the gift of tongues is?

What do you think the gift of prophecy is?

In v. 16, Paul says when we praise God in the Spirit, we put others in the “position of an inquirer.” What does that mean?

Why do you think Paul mentions that he spoke in tongues more than all the Corinthians?

What is the point Paul is making in 14:19?

Hmm...read 14:20. Has Paul mentioned that the Corinthians need to grow up before? Where?

In regard to what is it really good to be infants? _____ What does Paul mean by that?

Have you heard testimonies of unbelievers becoming followers of Jesus because they heard a sermon and suddenly they could understand the truth that they had sinned against God and that Jesus was offering them forgiveness? If not, ask your parents if they have. How is this like vv. 24-25?

Imagine your church being like a Corinthian service. What would that be like if they were all out to edify themselves...at the same time? Who would sing? Who would read Scripture? Who would speak in different languages? Take a minute and just imagine the chaos. How would you feel sitting in the congregation?

In v. 26, Paul gives a guiding principle: Everything must be done so that the _____
_____. Huh, there's those words again...

Why does Paul limit it to 2 or 3 speaking in a tongue? And why is an interpreter necessary?

Why limit the number of prophets who could speak in each service?

What were the other prophets supposed to do? (v. 29) Why do you think that was necessary?

How did doing things this way reflect our God, who is not a God of _____ but of _____?

What is Paul's point in verse 37?

What verses summarize the whole chapter?

What do you think is the most important part of that summary?