

CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD

Sermon: Peace and Order

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Opening Questions

Why do you think it is often easier to attend a church service expecting to receive rather than coming ready to give and serve?

How does prioritizing the emotional experience of worship over the clear building up of others lead to confusion in a church body?

Digging Deeper

Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-28 along with 1 Peter 4:10. How does Paul's instruction to bring a contribution align with Peter's view on spiritual gifts, and what is the primary goal of every gift?

Look at 1 Corinthians 14:27-35 and Philippians 2:3-4. Why does Paul place strict boundaries on public expression during worship, and how does self-restraint reflect Gospel-centered love?

Review 1 Corinthians 14:36-40 and Romans 14:19. What does it mean for God's peace to govern a worship gathering, and why is order necessary for spiritual growth?

In light of Galatians 5:22-23, how is self-control a key evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence during public worship rather than unbridled emotional chaos?

Living it Out

"When we gather, we don't gather to be noticed, we gather to build one another up." What is one practical way you can come prepared to build up someone else at church this week?

How can our small group (or your immediate Christian community) create an environment where we value people over chaos so that outsiders can clearly encounter Jesus among us?

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