GRACEPOINT

LIVING FREE, GETTING UNSTUCK - "Order in the Church" | Neil Montgomery

Warming Up

- Have you ever been in a setting, church or otherwise, where things felt... chaotic?
 - What effect did that have on how you felt about it or participated in it?
- Why do you think people tend to resist structure or order–even in spiritual settings?
 - Can structure actually enhance freedom? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper

- What issue was Paul addressing in **1 Corinthians 14**, and how does it relate to the broader discussion of spiritual gifts in the church in chapter 13? (Canaan discussed that chapter two weeks ago.)
 - Why does Paul say "God is not a God of confusion but of peace"? (v. 33)
- What principle does Paul use to guide how believers should exercise their spiritual gifts in our worship gatherings, in public fellowship with each other?
 - In what ways can good intentions in worship still lead to disorder or distraction?
- In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares the church to a body with many parts. How does that shape how we think about different roles and functions in the church?
 - How does understanding our role in the body help us honor order and embrace both freedom and submission?

Bringing It Home

- Where do you personally struggle with either resisting order or imposing too much of it in your spiritual life or church community?
 - What might it look like to invite God to bring peace and clarity into that area?
- What's one way you can use your gift—or create space for others to use theirs—in a way that builds up the church this week?
 - How can your community group help one another walk in both freedom and order?

Pray Together