

## **Countercultural: A Study of 1 Corinthians**

Order in the Church!

- 1. Icebreaker: What is your favorite movie/television show with a courtroom setting or scene?
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-19 Worship that builds the church.
  - a. What is prophecy? What are tongues? Why does Paul elevate prophecy over tongues?
  - b. What is the difference between a continuationist and a cessationist? Why is the "open but cautious" view a good balance to keep when it comes to spiritual gifts?
  - c. What metaphors does Paul use in Verses 6-12 to explain why clarity matters in worship?
  - d. In Verse 19, Paul says he would rather speak "five intelligible words" than "ten thousand in a tongue." What does that reveal about his priorities for corporate worship?
  - e. How can you discern whether you are using your spiritual gifts to build up others or to promote your own experience?
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 *Worship that welcomes the outsider*.
  - a. Why does Paul call the Corinthians to "stop thinking like children" in Verse 20?
  - b. How does Paul use Isaiah 28 to explain the purpose (and potential danger) of tongues in the presence of unbelievers?
  - c. What is the intended effect of prophecy on unbelievers, according to Verses 24-25?
  - d. How should knowing "every Sunday is someone's first Sunday" shape our attitudes and behavior during worship? How can we clarify our services better for unbelievers?
  - e. What is one practical thing you can do to make our church more welcoming to outsiders?
- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 Worship that reflects the Creator.
  - a. What does Verse 26 reveal about participation in early church gatherings?
  - b. How should we understand Paul's instructions about women being silent in church (Verses 34–35) in light of the larger context of 1 Corinthians?
  - c. In Verse 33 Paul says, "God is not a God of disorder but of peace". How do we see that truth revealed in the creation story from Genesis 1?
  - d. How can you personally contribute to an atmosphere of order, humility, and unity during worship at Collide Church?

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58





