

# Magnify the LORD with Me

## Small Group Studies – Fall 2022

### Session 4: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Ice Breaker – Talk about your “go to” dish for a potluck or family gathering. What do you like about it or why is it your “go to”?

1. READ 1 Corinthians 14:26-33. What prompted Paul to include this chapter in his letter to the Corinthians?
2. What are or could easily become our “I’m better than you” issues today? (In other words: What is something that, in itself is not necessarily wrong, might tempt people to become proud about in worship?)
3. What do you understand about the gifts of tongues and prophecy in Corinth? Do those gifts exist in the Church today? Has God endowed today’s believers with other gifts that, when not used properly, could become a stumbling block? If so what are those gifts?
4. READ 1 Corinthians 14:33b-40 Vs. 33b-35 are notoriously difficult to interpret. They have been interpreted to say that women should not speak one word in a worship setting, or that women should not teach or preach in worship, or that these were instructions to the church of that day because women were loudly asking questions that were disrupting worship services. How does your understanding of these verses fit with 1 Corinthians 11:4-6 which is written to the same group of people?
5. Look at all of chapter 14. What is the main purpose of this passage?
  - a. What does this suggest for worship services at Immanuel?
6. 1 Corinthians 14:26b says that everything must be done for the strengthening or building up of the church. What are we doing in worship so that the church is built up?
  - a. Are there things we are doing where this does not seem to be the case?
7. In this passage Paul is concerned about what a newcomer to worship would experience (see vs. 23-25). What things take place in our worship services that might be difficult for a newcomer to understand or might make them feel out of place?
  - a. Are these things necessary?
  - b. What adjustments might we make to make people feel more welcome?