



## God's Church (Week 15/18: Everything in order) Small Group Discussion Questions

### Warm-Up

1. Have you ever experienced a moment or an event of extreme chaos? Why is it important that when we gather together, everything is done 'decently and in order'?

### Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

2. What would be the result of everyone using all their gifts all at the same time without restraint?
3. What is the lens through which we should see our gifts? What question should we be asking as we come to use our gifts, especially in the context of the gathered church?
4. Why does Paul go into such detail here? Why would the people who wish to speak, be required to speak one at a time?
5. Why must those who wish to speak in tongues remain silent if there is no one to interpret?
6. What regulations did Paul set out for those who wished to share their prophesy? Why?
7. Why is the 'weighing' of any teaching important? How might we do this today?

### Read 1 Corinthians 14:34-40

10. In light of 1 Corinthians 11:2-15, does this passage forbid women from speaking at all in gatherings? How can we reconcile the two?
11. What was happening in their gatherings? What may have been 'disgraceful' about the interactions between husbands and wives?
12. How can we ensure that we maintain peace and order in our relationships in the gathered church?
13. What role should the word of God have in our lives? How does it tell of the peace and order of God?

**Apply** *How can you use your gifts in peaceful and ordered ways to build up the church?*

**Pray** *Heavenly Father, thank you for the privilege that it is to gather together as your people to build each other up. Help us to use our gifts in peace and in service of you. Where we should use our gifts, show us. Where we should be still, remind us. Help us to do all we do for your glory and not ours. In Jesus' name, Amen.* <sup>[P]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

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## God's Church (Week 15/18: Peace not Confusion)

### Small Group Discussion Questions

#### On Your Front Line this Week

How can you remain fruitful over the long-term? If you'd like to explore this with others, join us at our Work + Faith meeting, 7-8AM Wednesday 1 September.

#### For Families

Download some of the family resources to use at home: [stbartskids.org](https://stbartskids.org)

#### Listen, Watch, and Read

- AUDIO: "Prophecy then and Now" by Dick Lucas:  
Part 1: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/573/>  
Part 2: <https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/574/>
- AUDIO (with Q&A): "Confusion or Peace" by Charlie Skrine:  
<https://www.st-helens.org.uk/resources/talk/52687/audio/>
- AUDIO: "God Loves Order Not Chaos" by Ray Galea:  
<https://mbm.org.au/media/god-loves-order-chaos/>
- AUDIO: "All Things from God" by Adam Lowe: <https://stbarts.com.au/sermon/2021/gods-church-series-10>

#### Series Resources:

Some helpful resources for this series:

- St Bart's Series Overview: <https://bit.ly/37mixzC>
- Website: "First Corinthians" by the Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/learn/1-corinthians/>
- Course: "1 Corinthians" as part of the Ridley Certificate (6-week online course): [stbarts.com.au/ridley](https://stbarts.com.au/ridley)
- For Families: Bookmark Reading Plan for Families (Weeks 1-9): <https://bit.ly/3uoz4gs>
- Access relevant books in the St Bart's Library: [www.librarycat.org/lib/stbart/search/tag/1+Corinthians](http://www.librarycat.org/lib/stbart/search/tag/1+Corinthians)