

1 CORINTHIANS

gospel formed disciples



OVERVIEW FOR PART 5: GOSPEL FORMED DISCIPLES

This final section of 1 Corinthians will grab all of the verses we haven't yet covered in this series. In GOSPEL FORMED DISCIPLESHIP, Paul discusses the shape of Sunday services, how we use our spiritual gifts, and how all of us can share God's love through evangelism

PART 6: WEEK ONE - **Come Prepared**

Read the text: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

1. Pastor Donald gave some context for this passage and mentioned that when Paul wrote this letter (like most of scripture) it didn't have numbers and chapters. This was one continuous conversation, and this whole letter was written knowing it would be read aloud in one sitting. **How does that sort of thing shape the way we study the Bible?**

2. Paul's instructions around prophecy challenge both the charismatic church and the reformed church of today. To the charismatic church Paul commands them to "remember the purpose of the spiritual gifts they love so much", and to the reformed church he calls them to "find a place for the

gifts to show up in the first place”. To the charismatics, he would say that “a prayerful plan is a righteous thing”. To the reformed, he says “check in with your righteous God before making your plans”. **Which side do you typically error on?** Give examples. How could you approach those things differently?

3. God is not confused about his love or plans for you. Are there any ways in which **you have assumed or believed that God is confused** (or going to change his mind) about you? What would Jesus say to you in that moment?

4. Why is it important for **both men and women to be equipped** for the work of ministry in our everyday lives? Give at least three reasons.

5. What problems does our culture currently have with Jesus (not Christians specifically but Jesus himself)? **What does the gospel offend in our culture?** Why is that?

6. If God’s measure of a great Sunday **is one that proclaims Christ through a prepared community**, rate yourself on a scale of 1-5, 5 being fully prepared to use my gift every Sunday and 1 being completely unaware of my gifting.

7. Do you personally bring with you the “feed me, wow me” posture or do you come prepared to give something away? **What could/will you come prepared to give in the next month at Doxa?** Time to serve? Prayer with others? A listening ear? An invitation into your home for a meal? A word of encouragement?