

# ***1 Corinthians: Church for Broken People***

## **“Parameters for Corporate Worship”**

### **1 Corinthians 14**

*The scope of Paul’s vision in this chapter is not the inner meaning of worship in the experience of the individual, but rather what worship should be and accomplish in the life of the Body in its public assembly. (Verse 1 states his overarching theme and verse 40 summarizes the entire chapter.)*

#### **1. Prophecy vs. Tongues (vv.1-25)**

- **Focus on the church assembled (vv.19, 23, 26, 28, 33, 35)**
- **Focus on edification of the Body**
- **Focus on disciplined conduct**
- **Focus on differences demonstrated**
  - ✓ **Preliminary Understandings (vv.2, 3a, 7-11)**
  - ✓ **Profitable Benefits (vv.3b-6, 12)**
  - ✓ **Practical Distinctions (vv.13-15)—Romans 8:26, 27**
  - ✓ **Presentation to Unbelievers (vv.21-25)**

#### **2. Principled Worship (vv.26-40)**

- **Corporate concerns outweigh individual experiences (vv.26-28)**
- **Worship is to be offered in an orderly fashion (vv.29-33a)**
- **Christian liberty does not excuse unseemly behavior (vv.33b-39)**
- **Summary Conclusion (v.40)**