

SERMON NOTES

Date: February 17, 2019

Series: Messy Church

Title: Truths About Tongues (Part 3)

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Big Idea: The church must function in an orderly manner because God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

DISCUSS THE ISSUE

What do the following verses tell you about God's character (Rom. 15:33; 2 Thess. 3:16; Heb. 13:20)?

Read James 3:14-18. Take note of the differences between a life lived according to the flesh and a life lived according to the Spirit.

In light of God's character, what two principles does Paul encourage in 1 Corinthians 14:26, 40?

Some worship services are so "orderly" that they put us to sleep. Others are so "free" that they seem out of control. How does this chapter promote both freedom and order in worship?

Paul applies certain rules of order to the use of tongues (14:27-28), prophecy (14:29-32), and the role of women in the church (14:33b-35). How can these same rules generally apply in a church like ours today?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Are there areas of your life that seem chaotic or out of order?

How does God's character confront the chaos in these areas of your life and promote his peace?

What needs to change in your attitude or actions to bring tangible expressions of order and peace to these areas of your life? Think about principles in the text. For example, 14:31 says that prophets should speak one at a time. Perhaps you can bring order and peace by limiting your daily activities or reordering your priorities. Can you think of other examples driven by the text?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Purposefully meditate on attributes of God that will bring order and peace to your life and relationships? Ask the Spirit to reveal them to you and help you apply them as you spend time reading Scripture.