

Pastor Todd Schlechty July 19, 2015 Know How to Connect 1 Corinthians 14:26-36

Have you ever had a connection that opened doors for you?

Developing Transforming Connections:

I. When you gather, _____

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Assemble - συνέρχομαι sunerchomai, = Come together"

I Cor. 11:17 But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you <u>come</u> <u>together</u> not for the better but for the worse.

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• Edification - οἰκοδομή oikodome - literally means a building / to build.

That's how a Christian gathering should be judged.

- Are we building people up? Are we constructing better people? More Godly people?
- Are we personally involved in building up other people? Do we make it our mission?

III. When you gather, be

I Cor. 14:27-29, If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and one must interpret; 28 but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God. 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.

IV. When you gather, be _____

I Cor. 14:30-33 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; 32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; 33 for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

I Cor. 14:34-36 (The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says. 35 If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.) 36 Was it from you that the word of God first went forth? Or has it come to you only?

I Cor. 11:5 But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head...

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

- 1. Have you ever been part of a Christian fellowship where you really felt like you were needed? Where you could see fruit from your contributions? Where you knew you were making a difference? Where you knew if you were not there at that gathering you would be missed?
- 2. When have you experienced a Christian event (gathering) that was
 - a. Participatory?
 - b. Edifying?
 - c. Accountable?
 - d. Ordered?
- 3. What would it look like to for you to connect with a group of Jesus seekers in this way?
- 4. What interests you about that type of connection? What frightens you about that type of connection?

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