



4. Worship Well

Read 1 Corinthians 14.12-28

- Paul says we should be “eager for gifts of the Spirit”, especially those that “build up the church” (v12). Does this mean that anyone can receive a spiritual gift, or is it just for the chosen?
- Martin used the analogy of playground football to illustrate how we often feel about worship in church – the least qualified and the last to be picked. Do you ever feel like that, and if so, why?
- Who speaks in tongues? Does everyone even know what it is? What’s your experience been and how does it impact your spiritual life?
- Paul seems to advocate putting limits on spiritual gifts in a public worship service. Isn’t this limiting the Spirit? If lots of people are receiving prophetic words or pictures, why limit it to just 2 or 3?
- Paul’s motivation for orderly worship is primarily for the benefit of the unbeliever and the enquirer. Is this fair? Isn’t worship supposed to be just for God and nothing to do with unbelieving visitors?
- The model for worship in the Corinthian church was primarily based in a home. So it was more like a Hub meeting than a Sunday gathering. How can we pursue a more spirit-filled time of worship in Hub, where everyone gets to play? What could that look like and do we want it?

BIG IDEA: Everyone is picked to play and we all have a part to play. Orderly worship can both build up believers and help non-believers to get to know God personally.

Take a bit of time to worship God together. Create some space for prophetic words, pictures and Scriptures. Practise waiting on the Spirit and pray for an outpouring of Spiritual Gifts. Pray over one another and ask God for a fresh wind of His Spirit.