BUILD UP THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 14:1–40

Key Verse: 14:12

1. What did Paul tell the Corinthians to do, and why? (1) What is the difference between speaking in a tongue and prophesying? (2–4) In light of this, what did Paul tell them, and why? (5)
2. How did Paul’s ministry illustrate this principle? (6) How do his examples of musical instruments help us understand? (7,8) What is the limitation of speaking in tongues? (9) Why should spoken language always be meaningful? (10,11) Read verse 12. What does it mean to “build up the church”? (see also verse 3) How can we practice this?
3. What should someone who speaks in a tongue pray? (13) What principle did Paul follow? (14,15) What other illustration does he use? (16,17) Regarding speaking in tongues, what was his personal experience and preference? (18,19)
4. How did Paul admonish the Corinthians, and what does this mean? (20) What Scripture did he quote, and why? (21) How else did he contrast tongues and prophecy? (22) What scenario does he describe, and why? (23) On the other hand, how would everyone prophesying be so much better? (24,25)
5. What was Paul’s concern? (26) What guidelines did he give for speaking in tongues at church? (27,28) For prophesying at church? (29–32) On what principle did he base this? (33) What did he say about women, and why? (34,35) Why should we listen to his teaching? (36–38) What was his conclusion? (39,40)