

GO DEEPER

This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

- 1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain new insights?
- 2. Paul emphasizes that "all things should be done for building up" and "God is not a God of confusion but of peace." How does this passage shape our understanding of what worship gatherings should look like today? What are some ways we can maintain spiritual vitality and yet still preserve order and clarity in worship?
- 3. Paul instructs that prophecy (or teaching) be weighed by others, implying accountability within leadership. Why is it vital for those who speak or teach in the church to be biblically qualified and spiritually accountable? How do these passages inform the kind of leadership structure that best serves the health of the church?
- 4. Paul reminds believers that God calls His people to holiness and purity in both life and worship. What does it mean that God has "called us not for impurity, but in holiness"? How might personal holiness (or lack thereof) impact the unity and witness of the gathered church?
- 5. Paul's instructions about speaking in the assembly must be understood within his broader theology of headship and divine order. How does Paul's teaching on headship and submission reflect God's design for harmony in the home and the church? How can churches uphold biblical order in gender roles while also valuing the spiritual gifts of both men and women?
- 6. Paul challenges those who resist his instructions, asserting they are "a command of the Lord." Why is it important to view the order of worship and leadership as matters of divine authority, not just human tradition? How should we respond when biblical teaching confronts cultural expectations or personal preferences?
- 7. Paul concludes: "All things should be done decently and in order." What practical steps can our church take to ensure that our worship reflects God's peace, not confusion? How can we discern whether our gatherings are truly edifying and Christ-centered rather than self-focused or chaotic?