

# Others, Others, Others!

## 1 Corinthians 14

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### Notes on the text:

### Takeaways:

- **Treasure the Word of God**
- **Make church more about others others others!**
- **Look to grow, not for show**
- **Employ your spiritual gifts!**

### FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

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- Memorize 1 Corinthians 14:12
- Do “The Love Inventory” - [bit.ly/LoveInventory](https://bit.ly/LoveInventory)
- Visit [www.forcey.org/serve/](http://www.forcey.org/serve/) to take the “SHAPE Assessment” and engage in ministry opportunities. Please submit your SHAPE results to [serve@forcey.org](mailto:serve@forcey.org)
- Read “Don’t Make Church About You” – [bit.ly/DontMakeChurchAboutYou](https://bit.ly/DontMakeChurchAboutYou)
- Read “Every Member Ministry” – [bit.ly/EveryMemberMinistry1](https://bit.ly/EveryMemberMinistry1)
- Read “Why Every Member Matters” – [bit.ly/EveryMemberMatters](https://bit.ly/EveryMemberMatters)
- Listen to “This is Your Church” – [bit.ly/ThisIsYourChurch1](https://bit.ly/ThisIsYourChurch1)
- Listen to “We Need Each Other” – [bit.ly/WeNeedEachOther1](https://bit.ly/WeNeedEachOther1)
- Read *Shape* by Rees
- Read *Improving Your Serve* by Swindoll

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you the most from the message?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1. Did you get a chance to do a “love inventory” or to look more closely at 1 Corinthians 13:4-8? In what ways did God encourage or convict you as you help up the mirror of God’s Word to your life and love?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:4 where Paul emphasizes how spiritual gifts are meant for edification of others (or scan the whole chapter and highlight the times when Paul directs them to focus on others). In what ways have you seen spiritual gifts edify others? Have you ever seen spiritual gifts misused?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 14:6-12. Have you ever been in a situation where you haven’t understood what was happening around you in church? How did it cause you to feel?
5. What are some practical ways a church can ensure that its communication and ministry are intelligible and able to be understood by everyone as much as possible?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 14:13-17. What principles do you see in this text that can apply to our worship gatherings today?
7. The overall picture in 1 Corinthians 14 is of a church with many people contributing to the edification of all. How does this differ from many church environments today? How can we seek to better serve and empower one another in building up the body of Christ?
8. How can you avoid the temptations of a “McChurch Mentality” (where church is all about you saying “I’m loving it”) and look to be more focused on others?
9. If you haven’t done so already, share the results of your SHAPE test with your group. What did you learn about yourself?
10. What is one specific way you can look to participate more in the work of God by using your gifts in the ministry of the church?

