

HEARD VOICES: 1 COR. 11-14

1 CORINTHIANS 11

1. Within the whole context of chapter 11, what is the meaning and significance of Paul's appeal to creation in verses 3 and 7-11? What is the main concern of the apostle for the church?
2. According to Paul in verses 4-5, whom does he approve of having audible speaking participation in the assembly at Corinth?
3. How have you been blessed by the prayers of a woman?

1 CORINTHIANS 12

1. How does Paul's discussion about gifts in verses 7-11 (*without regard to gender*) and his analogy of the human body to the church body – verses 14-27 – contribute to our conversation about women's roles in the church?
2. What happens when each one of us uses our God-given gifts for the common good of the church? How have you seen this take place within our church family?

1 CORINTHIANS 13

1. Why is love the greatest gift?
2. How does love influence the usage of spiritual gifts and the unity of the church?

1 CORINTHIANS 14

1. As you read 1 Corinthians 14:26-40, name the groups that Paul commands to be silent? Why is he telling each group to be silent?
2. In Micah's sermon, he pointed out that the word translated as 'silence' in verse 34 means 'complete silence'. How have you seen this command practiced in your church experience? In what ways are women not silent in our church family?

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