

# 1 Corinthians 14:26 | BUILDING UP

## Study Questions from 21.07.2019 sermon

### Introduction

- i. The Amish are famous for their 'barn-raisers' where they help one another build up a barn. Have you ever been involved in a construction project of any kind, large or small? What was it like? Share with your group!

### Building up

- ii. Read 1 Cor. 14:26. What does 'built up' literally and metaphorically mean, and where else does it occur in the New Testament?

### Church is not all about you

- iii. The Corinthian church had a few problems. What was the problem that Paul was addressing in chapters 12, 13 and 14?
- iv. Discuss ways in which we can end up becoming like the Corinthians and thinking church is 'all about me'?
- v. How should we be like geese in our church family?

### Use your gifts to build others up

- vi. Read 1 Cor. 12:8-10 to find out what gifts the Corinthians had. Which gifts were they misusing?
- vii. What verse in chapter 14 tells us how we should use our gifts?
- viii. What would you say to a Christian who thought they had no gift, or who thought their gift was worthless?

### Building one another up requires effort

- ix. We would all agree that it is worth the effort to build others up. But sometimes we experience exhaustion or burn out because of our efforts. Discuss strategies to (a) avoid exhaustion, and (b) recover from exhaustion.

### What motivates/empowers us to build each other up?

- x. What were the two things mentioned in the sermon which motivate and empower us to build each other up? Describe a specific and recent example in your life of something which has motivated/empowered you to build others up.