



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 15 CHURCH GONE WILD: “Spirit Led; Not Spotlight Driven”

READ 1 Corinthians 14

1. Paul begins chapter 14 with the command to “pursue love.” Why is it important that love comes before spiritual gifts? How does understanding the love God demonstrated through the gospel change our motivation for serving others?
2. The sermon reminded us that we should allow God's Word to shape our experiences rather than allowing our experiences to shape God's Word. Why is this especially important when discussing spiritual gifts or topics Christians disagree on? How can we remain grounded in biblical truth while being open to the work of the Holy Spirit?
3. In 1 Corinthians 14:12, Paul encourages believers to excel in gifts that build up the church. What does this teach us about God's purpose for spiritual gifts? How does Jesus' example of humility and sacrificial service challenge the way we view our own gifts, abilities, and importance within the church?
4. Paul emphasizes that what happens within the church should be understandable so that believers are strengthened and unbelievers can encounter God (1 Corinthians 14:23–25). Are there ways we unintentionally make the gospel difficult for others to understand? How can we become more intentional about meeting people where they are without compromising biblical truth?
5. Paul teaches that God is not a God of disorder but of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33). What does it look like for a church to worship in both Spirit and truth? How can we discern whether something happening in worship is drawing attention to Jesus or drawing attention to ourselves?
6. The sermon challenged men to take spiritual responsibility within their homes by asking what their families learned at church and how they can apply it. Why is spiritual leadership and discipleship within the home so important? How can every believer, regardless of their role in the family, intentionally point those closest to them toward Jesus throughout the week?
7. The sermon ended with the question, “What are we doing with what God has given us?” If we truly believe that salvation is a gift of grace and that the Holy Spirit equips us to serve, what should that change about how we live? What is one practical way you can use what God has given you this week to build up the church, share the gospel, or help someone grow in their relationship with Jesus?

Closing Gospel Reflection:

The gifts are not the goal. Jesus is the goal.

We are not saved by our gifts, our service, or our spiritual experiences. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Because He first loved us, we are free to love and serve others without needing recognition or praise.

1. Are we more concerned with what God can do through us or with growing closer to the One who saved us?

Pray that God would make Connection Church Wilco a church that pursues Jesus, worships in Spirit and truth, uses its gifts to build up His people, and boldly carries the gospel throughout Wilkinson County and beyond.

