

Welcome to Mardell and Barry who were able to join us in person last Sunday.

Next Sunday we'll tackle one of the key passages that divides Christians over the role of women in leadership: 1 Corinthians 14:33-36. There will be lots of time for discussion, so if you want to come prepared, here are some suggestions.

Read 1 Corinthians beginning to end. It's about 10,000 words, = 30 pages. It should take you about an hour.

Pay attention to Paul's "tone of voice" as he writes. What are his emotions? Do you think he is sometimes being sarcastic?

What are Paul's overarching concerns?

Any thoughts on why Apollos wanted to go to Corinth? (Acts 18:27 (Achaia = Greece)), 19:1.

Using whatever resources you have, find out

What were churches like in Paul's time? Where did they meet? What did that look like? (Find pictures.)

They didn't have a "sanctuary." They didn't have pews, and probably nowhere to sit down. They didn't have a "lead pastor." They didn't have a liturgy. They didn't have a choir. They didn't have a bulletin. So what happened at their services?

How many people would have been present? (Take a guess)

Imagine yourself at one of their services.