**LET’S ASSESS IT!**

**1 Corinthians 14**

Lesson 14 - Systems

Premise: Ministry is a movement. To fulfill God’s plan and purpose for our lives and for the life of our church, we cannot become complacent or stagnant. We must get *On the Move*! To accomplish this, we must honestly examine who we are, where we are, and what we are as a ministry, and with boldness, begin making the necessary changes to fulfill God call (Ephesians 2:10).

**DISCUSSION**

**Assess, Evaluate, Examine**

**DISCUSSION/DISCOVERY**

What are we assessing, evaluating, and/or examining?

* Our Statements
* Our Systems
* Our Structure
* Our Strategies

Our Statements

SLBC Purpose Statement

SLBC Mission Statement

SLBC Vision Statement

1 Corinthians 14 addresses two (2) major themes:

* The use of the gift of tongues (vv.1-26)
* Orderin the worship experience (vv.26-40)

Paul gives a framework for how these gifts should function within the context of the worship service.

We are going to take the principles related to order (in worship) and turn them inward as we assess, evaluate, and examine the SLBC SYSTEMS.

Critical to successful function is well-thought out and clearly communicated **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and procedures.

Systems require good processes to support optimized function.

\*When you hear the word “systems” what images come to mind?

\*Can you think of any systems which might be present in Scripture?

**Systems Defined**

a regularly interacting or interdependent group of items forming a unified whole.

* Number system
* Telephone system
* Highway system
* Computer system

\*Can you think of any systems that are present in the life of this church?

Properly functioning systems require solid processes. Process drives systems.

**Process Defined**

a series of actions or operations conducing (leading) to an end.

A good place to see “process” in Scripture is in the Creation Story in Genesis 1.

**DISCOVERY**

Genesis 1 God’s Process in Creation

Notice the duration of Creation – 6 days

* Day 1 Light and Time (3-5)
* Day 2 Atmosphere/Firmament (6-8)
* Day 3 Dry ground/Plants (9-13)
* Day 4 Sun, moon, & stars (14-19)
* Day 5 Birds & sea creatures (20-23)
* Day 6 Land animals/Mankind (24-31)
* Day 7 Sabbath – Rest/Restoration (2:2-3)

Properly functioning systems need **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** processes.

**Psalm 136:4-9; Proverbs 3:19**

Measured processes aid in assessment and evaluation. We can clearly see where the target was hit or missed.

Notice in the Creation Story that God does not make everything in a single day. \*Why might this be important?

Proverbs 21:5 “5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”

Proper planning facilitates functional processes. Functional processes enable viable systems.

**DIRECTION**

Assess – Evaluate - Examine

Spend some time this week repeating/memorizing our Mission, Purpose, and Vision Statements

How important is “process” to your service in ministry?