

1 Corinthians 11:2-16 **Worship (Coalface 6)** **Fintry, 23/10/2005, am**

A church at the Coalface is one where....

- ... we worship well

(Family service)

Why are we here?

- Start with that as a question!
 - why are we here?
- Go on to:
 - what do we do when we are here?
 - why those things - what relationship do they have with why we are here?
 - is there anything else that we do differently to do with church compared to other things we do? (I'm thinking of dressing differently, not working on Sunday, etc)
- *(This second bit using the jigsaw pieces as a framework)*

When we are here we...?

- Which of the people in the pictures (1-5) do you think is more Godly?
 - cultural context then was such that how people kept their hair cast light on how they thought of God
 - if you were a man and had long hair, it was seen across society as insulting and disgusting - and suggested you had that impression of God
 - if you were a woman and had short hair, it was seen across society as insulting and disgusting - and suggested you had that impression of God
- So Paul says, for the sake of God's glory, change how you behave, and in particular how you come to worship
 - its for his sake, not yours!
 - we come to put our lives under his control, to learn to do that, not to be made to feel good
- So when we sing, pray, read, think about what the Bible says, we are doing it for his sake, not ours.
 - so that he will be king in our lives
 - so that our living will be more aligned to his will
 - so that others will have the opportunity to meet him and find out about him through what we do

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- We do things for the glory of God
 - not our own enjoyment or comfort
- Family, all like different things, and "put up with" one another out of love
 - held together by that common love, that family bond
- He is always with us - cf play well when you've someone to play with, behave better when the teacher is in the class...