



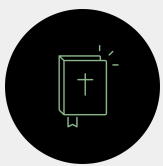
Prophetic Workshop

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In this workshop our resident Ephesians 4 Prophets, Debora Lyon and Andrew Eagle equip us with some practical and helpful ways for us all to move in the gift of prophecy as we look to build up the body together, each of us playing our part (Eph 4:16)



Bible Verses

1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. 2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. 4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. **1 Corinthians 14:1-4**
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Eze 47:1-12; Ro 10:17; 1 Co 12:7; 1 Co 14:1,12,39; Pr 21:1; 2 Pe 1:20-21; 1 Co 14:32; Hab 2:2; 1 Co 14:8; 2 Co 10:15;



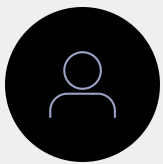
Key Takeaways

- We are a prophetic people by our new nature and God is calling us deeper into the prophetic (Eze 47) – we need to determine in our hearts that we will prophesy, and move in other gifts of the Spirit.
- Moving in the gifts of the Spirit must be motivated by love for the body (1 Co 14:1 – ‘pursue love and earnestly desire ...’).
- Prophecy has a threefold purpose: Strengthening, Encouraging and Comfort (1 Co 14:3).
- Be led by the Spirit (Ro 8:14; Pr 21:1; 2 Pe 1:2--21), willing to express God’s heart, but succinct in our delivery - knowing when to speak and when to stop (1 Co 14:32).
- Be bold and courageous (Heb 13:6), so that we can help each other (1 Pe 4:10-11).
- Be accessible with no riddles or overcomplicated words (Hab 2:2), and also distinct and clear (1 Co 14:8).
- Be open to different ways of prophesying (1 Co 14:26, e.g., singing, visually demonstrating, describing visions, using Scripture, and using the natural world).
- Be adventurous – the prophetic is by faith from first to last (Ro 1:17, 12:6; 2 Co 4:13).



Questions

- How would you describe your journey in the things of the Spirit, and specifically your growth in Spiritual gifts?
- Have often do you feel you've gone deeper in the river of life, and have you sometimes moved back to shallower waters (Eze 47)?
- What is your personal expectation of hearing from God, for others in the body, when we come together (1 Co 14:26)?
- How much has your love for others motivated you in earnestly desiring Spiritual gifts?
- What are some of the challenges you have faced/continue to face in expressing what you believe God to be saying (inc. knowing when to start and when to stop, 1 Co 14:32), in our large (all together) and small gatherings (small/life group)?



Individually...

- Take some time to pray, asking the Holy Spirit to show you where and how you need to grow in pursuing and moving in Spiritual gifts.
- Consider the key motivation of love (1 Co 14:1), and how much this influences you.
- Be honest with Him about what you find most challenging, including areas or situations where you may feel some anxiety, confusion or even fear. Ask the Spirit to lead you in the way of love, which casts out all fear (1 Jn 4:18).
- Make a decision, writing it down and telling others to whom you feel comfortable being accountable, about what needs to change for you.



In a group...

- Describe your personal takeaways from the prophetic workshop – how did they differ from what you might have expected?
- Discuss the above questions, making space for everyone to share, as they feel comfortable.
- Describe some of the ways the Holy Spirit, and others members of the body, have helped you grow in Spiritual gifts, through instruction, guidance, and exemplary demonstration.
- Discuss which ways of prophetic expression you're most comfortable with, and any new ways you're open to.
- Consider those areas you've identified need to change, and how you might encourage one another in them.
- Spend some time thanking God for the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit, praying over one another for continual and steady growth in our faith to move in Spiritual gifts, in order that we might strengthen, encourage and comfort one another (1 Co 14:3)..