

Sermon Discussion Questions

The Healthy Charismatic Church - Healthy Prophecy –
Matt Slocum
3 August 2025
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

What does it mean to be a healthy, Spirit-filled church when it comes to prophecy? In his message this week called **Healthy Prophecy**, Pastor Matt dives deep into the gift of prophecy. Are we really hearing the voice of God or something else? How are those prophesying held accountable? Is the prophetic word rooted in the Word? Does this prophetic word build up the church or the one giving the word? Let's see what Matt has to say about this and much, much more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to take some time to pray for the sick. Who did the Holy Spirit bring to your mind for you to pray for?

2. What is something that jumped out at you from Matt's message this week?

3. When have you seen prophecy done well? When have you seen it not done well? What was the gap between the two?

4. "Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil." 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Why do you think Paul was directed to write, "do not despise" prophetic utterances? What does it look like to "examine everything carefully" or "test everything" regarding prophecy? How do we determine what is "good" in that context?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 together. What do you notice? What's the primary point of prophecy? How does that differ from or align with what you've seen modeled in prophecy in your life?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Fall is just around the corner. What is one of your favorite Fall activities?
2. Is there still something on your list of things to do before summertime ends?
3. What is a book you are reading now that you'd recommend to others?

6. Have you ever received an incredibly impactful prophetic word? What made it impactful? What was the outcome or fruit?

7. "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers..... I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.... My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;" John 10:3-5, 16, 27

Jesus makes it clear that His sheep can hear His voice. He presents it as a completely natural part of belonging to Him. How does this challenge what you've believed? How does it comfort you? When do you feel like you've heard Him the clearest?

8. If every believer can hear from God, why prophecy? Why would God speak through someone else for your life in this way? Have you ever had a word confirm something through someone else that He's already spoken to you?

APPLICATION

Do you believe in the gift of prophecy? Have you ever received a word from God through someone else? What did you do? How did you react? Have you ever received a word from God for someone else and spoke that word to them? How did that go? Spend some time this week thinking about the gift of prophecy and how it can be done "right" or "wrong".

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Baptisms, 10 August, 9:00 and 11:00am. Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO. A short class for those wishing to be baptized will be held between services on 3 August in the school library.

Please register at:

<https://nwckc.com/baptism?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2Lys4cDY2bWY4P2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZSZeZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2VudFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkJOY2ZoZmN4>

Spiritual Gifts. This six-week class begins on 14 August and meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at the New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. This class will examine what the Word of God actually says about spiritual gifts, attempt to remove confusion, and give room for personal reflection, growth, and activation. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newbie to the gifts, there's edification for all in this multidimensional teaching.

Please register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+5jb864z>

Family Sunday, 17 August, 10:00am. Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Youth and kids are taking over and we are only going to have **one service at 10:00 am** so that our entire church family

can worship together. We will not have any kids' classes, including nursery, because we want all families to be able to participate in the service together.

The Call – Men's Retreat. 3-4 October. Lake Maurer Retreat Center, Excelsior Springs, MO. Join us for two powerful days of spiritual growth, worship, brotherhood, and unforgettable fun — all centered around being Rooted in Christ. The guest speaker is renowned author, Bob Sorge. Register at:

<https://nwckc.com/men?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2LytjeDcyNnd6L3JlZ2lzdGVyP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmbZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZSZyZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2VudFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkJidngycHNj>

FINAL THOUGHT

There's no such thing as an ungifted Christian.