

Sermon Discussion Questions

Gifts of Tongues and Prophecy – Grant Braaten
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

INTRODUCTION

Today we continue our sermon series on the Gifts of the Spirit. In this series we will take a look at the Gifts of the Spirit and just what they mean to us as we live out our lives as followers of Christ. Let's all approach this series with openness and a desire to see if just maybe there's something new the Holy Spirit wants to teach us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. This week, did you ask the Holy Spirit to show you characteristics of "TOV" leadership and teaching that need to be developed in your life? (Compassion, Grace, People-First Culture, Truth, Justice, Service, and Christoformity (becoming Christ-like)). Would you like to share anything with the group about what the Spirit revealed to you?
2. Was there something that really jumped out at you from Grant's message this week?
3. Why do you think Paul tells the Corinthians not to be "ignorant" of spiritual things? Does this warning from Paul have any relevance in our world today? Why is it a big problem if Christians are ignorant of spiritual things (or spiritual gifts)?
4. Over and over Paul tells the Corinthians that the gifts they have been given by the Spirit are for edification of the church. What does this mean to you? How can the gifts we have been given be used to edify the church? How does the church suffer if we if we don't use our spiritual gifts to edify it?
5. Why do you think much of Christianity tries to downplay the gifts of tongues and prophecy? What does Paul have to say about these gifts? Why do you think Grant said we need to practice prophecy?

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. Is there a winter sport you would like to see added to the Olympics? What is it?
2. Is there a special taste or smell that stirs up fond memories for you? What is it?
3. If you could be an Olympic athlete at the Winter Games, in what sport would you like to compete?

6. What does it mean to move in the prescription of the moment?

APPLICATION

If we timidly or passively ask to receive spiritual gifts, we won't see them. To experience and receive the gifts of the Spirit, we must pursue them. We must hunt them. Will you actively and aggressively pursue the gifts of the Spirit? Take time this week to see where God is working and join Him there. Be open to use whatever gift of the Spirit is needed for the situation. Be willing to take a risk. (Remember: All the gifts are at your disposal). Come next week and tell the group how it went.

PRAYER (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes and hearts to all He has for us. Pray that we will be open to be used by the Holy Spirit, and operate in every gift of the Spirit, based on the needs of the moment.

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at vckceast.com or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

All-Church Small Group Sermon Series – 9 Jan – 27 February
Vineyard KC East Women's Coffee Group – 12 February
Vineyard KC East Men's Breakfast Group – 19 February
Youth Dinner and Games at Pizza Ranch – 20 February (5-7pm)
Vision Sunday – 27 February
Child Dedications – 6 March

FINAL THOUGHT

God is more concerned about what He is doing inside of you than what He is doing through you.