

LIFE GROUP GUIDE wb 30th June 2024

Key passage 1 Corinthians 12-14

This Week's BIG IDEA: We are approaching the end of our Corinthian series. This week we'll be revisiting spiritual gifts whilst also taking a closer look at the gift of tongues and prophecy. Together we'll ask the question, what are these gifts and how do they work? Also, what are their purpose and how will these gifts help me build up the church for both believers and unbelievers.?

Fixing our eyes on God

Let's engage in sung worship together with this great worship song talking about freedom in worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eevW0sHOo>

Spend some time considering the words and allowing them to stir prayers of praise and worship.

Close this period of singing by encouraging the group to express themselves in worship (words, picture, tongues interpretation): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_TOOXRpn8w

Opening God's word

Read together 1 Corinthians 14

1. From vs 1-5 what can we say about the gift of tongues and prophecy, what are your personal thoughts about these 2 gifts? Why does Paul elevate one over the other?
2. Do these gifts have a place in the modern-day church, based on 1 Corinthians 13:11-12?
3. Based on vs 22-25 who are the gifts of Tongues and Prophecy for and what is the impact of their use?
4. What has been your personal experience of spiritual gifts to date? Positive and negatives?
5. Does your experience match the service described in from vs 26-33? If so, what was your initial emotional reaction?
6. Based on vs 34-40 How can Men and Women of God honour him with their spiritual gifts?

Time to pray

Spiritual gifts can seem a bit daunting and place people a little outside their comfort zone. But gaining understanding and trusting God regarding the nature of his gifts; can lead us to a place of immense freedom and a clearer view of God in our lives. Let us Pray for one another to embrace and exercise gifts given to us by the father. Pray for God to bring a fresh outpouring of his holy spirit upon the group and leave space for a hymn , a word, a revelation , a tongue or an interpretation.

Examples of gifts and where they are used elsewhere in the Bible:

- **Message of Wisdom**
(Matthew 22:15-28)
- **Message of Knowledge**
(2 Samuel 12:7-9, Matthew 9:4, John 1:47-48, John 4:18, Acts 5:1-10)
- **Faith**
(Genesis 22:8, Matthew 17:20-21, Acts 9:40, James 1:5)
- **Gifts of Healing**
(2 Kings 5:10, Luke 5:24, Acts 3:6-7)
- **Workings of Miracles**
(2 Kings 2:8, 2 Kings 4:3-4, Matthew 8:26, Matthew 14:19-20, Acts 9:40, Acts 28:5)
- **Prophecy**
(Numbers 11:27-29, 1 Kings 17:1, Matthew 24)
- **Distinguishing between Spirits**
(1 Samuel 3:9, Matthew 16:23)
- **Speaking in Different Tongues**
(Acts 2:4, Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:6)
- **Interpretation of Tongues**
(1 Corinthians 14:27)