

the first letter to the CORINTHIANS

The Gospel shaped community

What is the series about?

We'll be working our way through the 1st Letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. This series will cover what a Gospel shaped community looks like in many areas of life including relationships, sex, food, the gathered church, and the resurrection.

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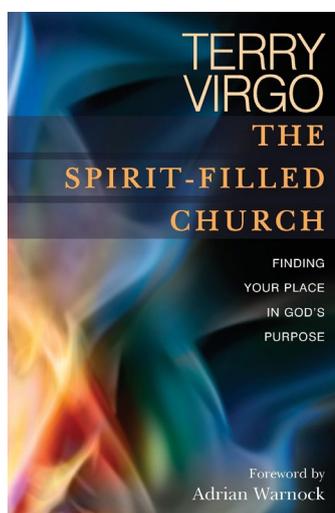
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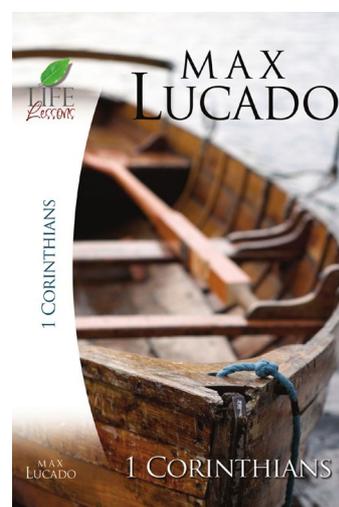
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Recommended Reading

The Spirit Filled Church
Terry Virgo



Life Lessons: 1 Corinthians
Max Lucado



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Title: Tongues and Prophecy

Speaker: Marcus Tutt (All Sites) Bible Ref: 1 Corinthians 14

Overview

Tongues is *speaking to God with our spirit in a language that we have not learned, nor naturally understand*. It builds the speaker up, but un-interpreted in a public setting can send the wrong message. Interpreted, however, it can build everyone up.

One definition of prophecy is *speaking to a person or group something God is saying to them*. Through it, our heavenly Father builds up, encourages and consoles the church. It can reveal God's presence even to those outside the church.

We should: **i)** Earnestly seek it **ii)** Catch God's heart for you and others "pursue love"
iii) Hear God's voice and ask him what good he wants to bring about in a situation
iv) Deliver God's message in a way that is understandable **v)** Weigh the word primarily with scripture of course, but also with others, and with other things God has said to you.
Does it strengthen, and encourage and comfort?

Questions to help your group understand the truth preached

On Sundays we hear God's word preached and as we listen well we trust that God is changing us in the moment. Use these questions to further explore the truth that was taught.

1. How would you describe "speaking in tongues" to someone?
2. How would you describe what prophecy was to someone?
3. Why are these gifts worth seeking and using?

Questions to help your group apply the truth preached

When applied, God's Word will enable us to love God and to love others. These questions will help your group apply the truth understood in a way that leads to transformed lives.

1. How can we best seek after and use "tongues" effectively?
2. How can we seek after and use prophecy fruitfully?
3. How can we avoid misuses of these gifts?

Questions to help your group dig deeper

Having understood the truth preached, and explored how it can be applied to your lives why not dig a little deeper and ask your group the following questions:

1. How do we weigh prophetic words?
2. Are there prophetic words that are strengthening, encouraging or comforting you right now?
3. What does Paul mean in verse 22?