

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

Discussion Guide

Sunday Sermon 5.3.26



Prophecy and Tongues- Part 1

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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Opening Prayer

Begin by asking someone to pray, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion and help you apply God's Word to your lives.

Sermon Overview

This message addresses how the church should conduct gatherings in a way that reflects God's character and builds up His people. Paul corrects the misuse of tongues in Corinth and emphasizes the priority of clear, understandable speech that edifies the entire body.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text

1. **What does Paul mean by "prophecy" in this passage?** How is this different from what many people assume prophecy means?
2. **Why does Paul prioritize prophecy over speaking in tongues when the church gathers?** What is his main concern?
3. **Read verses 6-12.** What illustrations does Paul use to make his point about understandable speech? How do these examples help clarify his message?

Personal Reflection

4. **The pastor challenged us to turn off our phones to give God our full attention.** How often do distractions keep you from fully engaging in worship or Bible study? What practical steps can you take to be more present?
5. **Paul says to "pursue love" (v. 1).** How does love relate to the way we use spiritual gifts? Can you think of a time when someone spoke words of edification, encouragement, or comfort to you that made a real difference?
6. **The sermon emphasized that our gatherings should build people up, not just create emotional experiences.** Have you ever been in a church setting that prioritized experience over edification? How did that affect you?

Application

7. **According to verse 3, prophecy involves "edification, exhortation, and comfort."** Who in your life needs one of these three things this week? How can you intentionally

Speak words that build them up?

8. **The pastor said, "We don't have time to waste."** What excuses do you make for not sharing your faith or serving others? How does recognizing the urgency of the gospel change your perspective?
 9. **How can we ensure that everything we do when we gather as a church—or even as a small group—is understandable and edifying to everyone present?**
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Key Takeaways

1. Prioritize Love and Edification

- Pursue agape love in all things
- Desire to speak in ways that build others up
- Speak edification, encouragement, and comfort (v. 3)

2. Ensure All Speech is Understandable

- When the church gathers, everything should be clear and plain
- The goal is building up the body, not personal spiritual experiences
- If people cannot understand, they cannot be edified

3. Our Reputation Matters

- The church's witness to the world depends on how we conduct ourselves
 - We must be willing vessels, ready to go where God sends us
 - Stop making excuses and trust God's leading
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose **one** of the following to practice this week:

1. **Speak Life:** Identify three people and intentionally speak words of edification, encouragement, or comfort to them. Be specific about what you appreciate or how God is using them.
2. **Eliminate Distractions:** During your next church service or small group meeting, turn your phone completely off (not just on silent) and give God your full attention. Journal about the difference it makes.

3. **Be a Berean:** Pick one spiritual topic you've always just "taken someone's word for" and search the Scriptures yourself to see what God actually says about it.
 4. **Stop Making Excuses:** Identify one excuse you regularly make for not serving, sharing your faith, or stepping out in obedience. Confess it to the group and ask for prayer and accountability.
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Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 14:12 *"Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel."*

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer

- Share prayer requests, especially focusing on:
 - Ways we can be more effective in building others up
 - Opportunities to share the gospel this week
 - Healing for those who are sick (like Gene, mentioned in the sermon)
 - Close in prayer, asking God to help your group excel in edifying one another and the broader church body.
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Looking Ahead

Next week we'll continue in 1 Corinthians 14 (Part 2), diving deeper into practical guidelines for orderly worship and addressing additional questions about spiritual gifts.

Preparation: Read 1 Corinthians 14:13-40 before next week's gathering.