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DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

Discussion Guide Sunday Sermon 5.24.26



Reputation Matter: Part 25 Prophecy and Tongues Part Two

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 your time together by asking God to open your hearts to His Word and to help you understand how to build one another up in love.

SERMON RECAP

This week we continued our study in 1 Corinthians 14, focusing on how the church should conduct gatherings that reflect God's character and build up believers. Paul addresses the proper use of spiritual gifts, particularly prophecy and tongues, emphasizing that everything should be done for edification, with understanding, and in order.

KEY DEFINITIONS TO REMEMBER

Prophecy: When the Holy Spirit enables a believer to speak truth that builds up, encourages, and strengthens others—always in alignment with God's Word and for the edification of the church.

Tongues: Tongues are a Holy Spirit-enabled gift in which a believer speaks in a language not previously learned, directed either toward God in prayer, praise, or thanksgiving or given as a sign, and which requires interpretation when spoken publicly in the gathered church so that the body may be edified.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Understanding the Message

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-5.** Why does Paul emphasize pursuing love above all spiritual gifts? How does this challenge our natural tendencies in church gatherings?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33.** What does it mean that "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace"? How should this shape our expectations for worship gatherings?
3. The pastor emphasized that "worship is a lifestyle, not just a Sunday morning event." What does worship as a lifestyle look like practically in your daily routine?

Going Deeper

4. Paul says he'd rather speak "five words" that people understand than "10,000" in an unknown language (v. 19). What does this tell us about God's priorities for church gatherings? How might we apply this principle beyond the specific issue of tongues?
5. The sermon highlighted that spiritual gifts are "for the profit of others" and "to build them up." Share a time when someone used their gifts to build you up spiritually. How did it impact you?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 14:29-33.** Why is it important to "judge" or evaluate prophecy and teaching according to Scripture? How can we do this in a loving, humble way?

Personal Application

7. The pastor challenged us: "Are you pursuing experiences or are you pursuing Him?" How would you honestly answer that question about your spiritual life right now?
8. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** What does it mean practically to "not be conformed to this world" but to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind"? What pressures do you feel from the world trying to squeeze you into its mold?
9. The sermon emphasized that everything in our gatherings should be done "decently and in order" (v. 40). How can we balance Spirit-led spontaneity with biblical order in our worship and small group times?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Love and edification must be our priority** in all spiritual expressions and church gatherings
 - **Understanding is essential**—if people can't understand what's being said, they can't participate and be built up
 - **God is a God of peace, not confusion**—our gatherings should reflect His character
 - **All spiritual expressions must align with Scripture**—we must judge teachings and prophecies by God's Word
 - **Order doesn't suppress the Spirit**—it creates space for the Spirit to work effectively to build up the body
 - **Worship is a lifestyle**, not just a Sunday experience
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PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

This Week, Choose 1-2 Actions:

Individual:

- **Daily surrender:** Each morning this week, consciously submit everything to God before you start your day. Ask Him, "What do You want today to be about?"
- **Evaluate your pursuits:** Journal about whether you're pursuing spiritual experiences or pursuing Jesus Himself. Be honest about what drives your spiritual life.
- **Scripture meditation:** Spend time with 1 Corinthians 13 (the love chapter) and ask God to show you areas where love needs to take priority over preferences.

In Community:

- **Practice edification:** Intentionally speak words this week that build others up. Look for opportunities to encourage, strengthen, and point people to truth.
- **Submit to Scripture:** When you hear teaching (sermons, podcasts, conversations), practice filtering it through God's Word. Does it align with what the Bible says?
- **Pursue peace:** If there's confusion or chaos in a relationship or situation, take steps to bring biblical order and peace to it.

In Your Gatherings:

- **Check your motives:** Before speaking in church, small group, or any gathering, ask yourself: "Will this build others up? Will they understand? Does this glorify God or draw attention to me?"
- **Be a peacemaker:** Help create an atmosphere where God's peace is evident and where people can encounter Him clearly.

MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 14:26 - "How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for one another:

- That we would prioritize love above all spiritual expressions
 - For wisdom to use our gifts to build up the body of Christ
 - That our gatherings would reflect God's character of peace and order
 - For boldness to be the light of the world in the darkness around us
 - That we would pursue Jesus Himself, not just spiritual experiences
 - For spiritual leaders (pastors, husbands, fathers) to lead with humility and wisdom
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LOOKING AHEAD

Next week we'll be moving forward to 1 Corinthians 15. Come prepared by reading ahead and asking God to speak to you through His Word.

CLOSING CHALLENGE

The pastor reminded us: "You step into the darkness that's all around us... your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said, you are the light of the world. Go be who God says that you already are."

How will you shine as light this week? Share one specific way you'll be intentional about reflecting Christ to those around you.

Remember: The goal isn't perfection, but faithfulness. Trust His perfection. God's grace empowers us to grow and to bless others through the gifts He's given us.