

Empowered
Troubleshooting Our Worship
1 Corinthians 14v1-25
Growth Group Discussion Guide

Opening Question (get everyone involved in discussion):

- Begin your time together with a moment of silence, then pray and ask for God’s Spirit to shape us through his word.
- How did God speak to you through the scripture and the sermon this week?

- **Read 1 Corinthians 14v1-25 and discuss the following:**

- In verse 1, Paul calls the Corinthians to “follow the way of love and eagerly desire the spiritual gifts, especially prophecy.” Why does Paul begin with the way of love?
 - What does this command mean for Christians as it relates to our gifts?
- Why does Paul spend so much time on these issues of prophecy and tongues?
- Read through 1 Corinthians 14v1-25 and see name all the ways that the Corinthians were abusing the gift of tongues.
- If all gifts are for the body, then how can tongues be a gift that builds up (1 Cor 14v4)
- As we think of Tongues and prophecy – what are the uses of both of those gifts and what are the boundaries? Have you ever had an experience of a prophetic word or been in a setting where tongues were displayed? Share that.
- As we think about our gifts, Paul exhorts the Corinthians to use their gifts for the building up of one another (1 Cor 14v6)? What does this say about the true purpose of our gatherings on Sundays?
- What does this passage tell us about the character of God?
- What other questions did this passage leave you with?

- **Application: The Big Idea of the text was: When we gather together, we should prioritize what builds up the body above ourselves.**

- Pastor Erik talked about having the right mindset when we come to church. Prioritizing “we” instead of “I” and being outward focused. What needs to change or how can you more faithfully put on this mindset next Sunday?
- While it is easy to focus on the revelatory gifts (prophecy and tongues) in this passage, we must not miss the other command: to *eagerly* desire gifts of the Spirit.
 - What are some ways you can discover your spiritual gift? Do you know it? (One of the most certain ways to discover your gift is by serving and being in the local church)
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Prayer:

- Pray about the things that have already been shared.

- It might be helpful to pray for gifts of the Spirit.