

**Series:** The Third Person

**Message:** The Gift of Tongues

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The backdrop of 1 Corinthians 14 is that Paul is speaking to the Corinthian church about its use of gifts within the context of orderly worship. Paul is helping the Corinthians to understand the proper use of tongues and prophecy within an assembly that is gathered for public worship.



- Before this message, what were your thoughts and attitudes about the gift of tongues and prophecy?
- After hearing the message, were any of your thoughts & attitudes changed? Why or why not?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-33**

• The gifts of tongues and prophecy are good gifts that Paul encourages should be used. Why did Paul need to address these gifts especially with the Corinthian Church?



- Name all the ways that the Corinthians were abusing or incorrectly using the gift of tongues within their worship service.
- Good things when used inappropriately can cause harm. Share about a time when you tried to use something in a way it was not intended to be used. Did it work?
- Paul advises in 1 Corinthians 12:31 to desire the greater gifts. When talking about tongues and prophecy, which does Paul say is greater?
  - Are you desiring these things?
  - Is your focus on the edification or building up of the body or is it more self-focused?
- When it comes to public worship, why is prophecy better than uninterpreted tongues?
- Is an interpreted message in tongues equivalent to prophecy? Explain.

## Read 1 Corinthians 14:2, 22

- Are there two different manifestations of the gift of tongues?
  - If so, what are they?

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- Do you think what is described in Acts 2:1-13 is a manifestation of what Paul speaks about in 1 Corinthians 14:22?

• Paul comments that he wishes they all spoke in tongues (v.5), he is thankful for the amount he speaks in tongues (v.18) and says that speaking in tongues should not be forbidden (v.39). Have you ever spoken in tongues? Have you ever heard someone speak in tongues? Share about your experience.

- Did the outcome of that experience help propel God's mission or did it cause confusion?

- Should every Christian speak in tongues?

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After reading this passage and discussing it as a group, what questions have gone unanswered?

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