

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Mar 16-17, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Tongues & Prophecy, Part 1

(I Corinthians 14:1-22, 40)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Corinthians 14:1-22, 40.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

What thoughts, if any, did you have regarding the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues prior to hearing this message?

If this is a brand-new concept for you, what thoughts are you experiencing as you wade into this spiritual gift for the first time?

If it has created questions or curiosities for you, what are they?

If you've encountered this gifting in a personal way (either through yourself or others), what has your previous experience been like?

Pastor Alan defined speaking in tongues as, “a divinely empowered ability to speak prayers or praise to God that is unknown to the one speaking.”

In what ways does this definition match or differ from how you would have defined speaking in tongues in the past or up to this point?

Paul highlights two primary reasons why God gives the gift of speaking in tongues:

- As a sign for unbelievers (14:22)
- To edify oneself (14:4)

How similar or different are these reasons compared to why you might have thought God would give this gift prior to hearing this sermon?

Whether you’ve pondered the question of “why would God give this gift or not,” how might recognizing these two reasons impact you and your approach to the gift of speaking in tongues?

Paul communicates that speaking in tongues is primarily a personal experience versus a community worship experience (14:6-12).

Whether this matches or pushes back against any previous experiences you’ve had with this gift, how do you feel about Paul’s instructions regarding the personal nature of using this gift?

If you have this gift and feel like you’ve been expected to “hold it back” in the past, how are you feeling about Paul’s words or how Pastor Alan has conveyed what he hears Paul saying?

After hearing this message (or even before hearing it), what value are you feeling towards this gift?

How interested are you in gaining or growing in this gift? Elaborate.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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