

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Mar 23-24, 2024

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

## Tongues & Prophecy, Part 2

(I Corinthians 14)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Corinthians 14:1-5, 22-25, 29-33, 39-40.

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?

Pastor Alan defines prophecy as, "someone hearing from God on behalf of another person." (1 Corinthians 14:3)

How does this definition match or differ from how you might have defined prophecy in the past?

Take a moment to read together Numbers 11:29 and Acts 2:16-21.

How prevalent of a role have you given prophecy in your own faith walk?

And whether it's had a big role or not, why do you think this is so?

Paul shares that prophecy involves both hearing from God and sharing with someone else.

If you have ever felt like you heard from God on someone's behalf but were hesitant to share this information with that person, what held you back?

Pastor Alan pointed out the difference between teaching (planned instruction) and prophecy (spontaneity).

Why might this difference be important to note?

Paul stresses the importance of weighing any prophetic word we receive. (1 Corinthians 14:29)

Pastor Alan offered the following test created by author Peter Greig to help us test and weigh whether a word is truly from the Lord.

A – Is this affirming?

B – Is this Biblical?

C – Is this Christlike?

And Alan adds the following item to the list – Does this bear fruit over time?

If you've used questions like these to assess words spoken over you in the past, how helpful was this process of testing and weighing?

If you've received prophetic words spoken over you recently, have you tried applying these questions to these words? If yes, how has this potentially helped? If not, how helpful do you think these questions could be?

Paul emphasizes throughout this text the value of prophecy within the body of the church. (vs. 14:3-4, 14:29).

If you have you been the recipient of words of prophecy? What was the impact on you?

Pastor Alan suggests that one of the most powerful ways to step more fully into the prophetic is to start a prayer for someone else by asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you about this person.

How often, if ever, do you pray for others in this way? How comfortable would you be to pray like this more often?

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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