



# Life Group Discussion Questions

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Based on 1 Corinthians 14:26-40  
For the week of January 9, 2022**

## **Reading the Text:**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1 and 8-12, 13:1-3, 14:1-3, and 14:26. Describe in your own words the flow of these ideas.
2. As Paul gets into specific expressions that occur during their gatherings – remember the definitions of each expression. What does Paul mean by tongues? By prophecy? By revelation?
3. When we get to v. 34, we know Paul does not mean that women are not to pray or prophesy because he already affirmed that practice in 11:5. So, based on the flow of thoughts we reviewed in question 1, what might be the issue with the speech that Paul intends to silence?
4. In vv. 39-40, why is it important to Paul that things be done with order? How does that fit with v. 26?

## **Knowing the Full Picture:**

5. 1 Peter 4:8-11 and Romans 12:6-10 are two other primary passages about spiritual gifts. Both (and Corinthians) exhort the believers to using their gifts in a loving way toward each other. Based on this, what seems to be the most common abuse of the spiritual gifts?

## **Living It Out:**

6. Have you ever had a church experience where the service didn't seem to have the goal of encouraging the worship of God? How did you feel? What were your conclusions about what was happening?
7. What are the ways worship services can ensure that the truth of God is made available to encourage and instruct all who attend?
8. What about for our Life Groups? How do we best ensure that the people in our Life Groups are able to be built up – encouraged, comforted, challenged? How would we know if it's happening, or not happening?