



Life Group Discussion Questions

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Based on 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
For the week of November 28, 2021**

Reading the Text:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 and 14:1. Paul encourages the Corinthians to desire certain gifts/expressions. How are they/we to desire something that is a gift?
2. Describe the contrast Paul makes between tongues and prophecy in vv.2-19. How is Paul using the word '*tongues*' here – for known human language or unknown spiritual language?
3. All the gifts are from God (12:4-6) given to build up the church (12:7), and all the gifts are indispensable (12:21-22). So, how does Paul define the '*higher*' gifts?
4. In vv. 22 - 25, Paul says speaking in unintelligible tongues is not the definitive sign of God's presence among believers. So, what is the sign of God's presence among His people? What does that sign have the power to do when non-believers show up?

Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Compare Paul's description of tongues here in 1 Corinthians to the expression of '*tongues*' that occurred at Pentecost in Acts 2:1-8. Paul acknowledges both expressions in 1 Corinthians 13:1, but which expression has apparently gained prominence in Corinth?

Living It Out:

6. Have you ever seen the gift of tongues being utilized in a church service? Was it human languages or a spiritual language? Was it interpreted? How did you feel?
7. Given how God has gifted you, how easy is it for you to speak truth about God into a situation with family, friends, or co-workers?
8. How can our experience in Life Group help us grow in speaking more of God's truth in more situations?