

Order in the Church

(Insights on 1 Corinthians 14:1-40)

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Defining the Terms:

Prophecy:

Tongues:

Edification:

Why Prophecy?

Prophecy...

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Speaking in Tongues is:

1. A _____ between you and God.
2. For the _____ personal devotional life.
3. Still _____ to people today.

Speaking in Tongues is not:

1. A gift _____
2. The sign that we _____

All Gifts Should:

Promote...

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Promote...

This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to “Week 6” of our Small Group Session! We are getting together to pray for one another and study God’s Word. Our last meeting this quarter will be the week of June 19th.

Getting Started:

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. It’s clear that both exhortation and edification should be happening in a healthy church family. Can you think of a time when you were either “encouraged” or “built up” at church?

Do you tend to be more comfortable on the giving or the receiving end of encouragement or praise? Why?

2. When it comes to prayer, how would you describe your conversations or language with God? (Circle any that apply or add your own description.)

Like talking to a friend	Heartfelt
I feel unworthy	All talking & little listening
Formal or reverent	All about others
Thanksgiving	Confession
Few words	Repetitive

Digging Deeper:

1. You don't have to attend Grace Point Church very long before you will hear that God is in the business of changing our lives from the inside out. In the book of John, Jesus explains His game plan to transform our lives to His closest friends. How would you describe the role and presence of the Holy Spirit based on the verses below?

John 14:15-19

John 14:25-27

John 16:5-16

What encouragement do you receive from Paul's exhortation in Romans 8:9-17?

2. Conflict is a regular part of life. Often times this conflict stems from the battle between our "sinful nature" and the "Spirit". Read what Paul writes about this conflict in Galatians 5:16-26. Can you relate to this battle in your own life?

What are ways that you have learned to live by the Spirit and gain victory in this battle?

3. This past Sunday Dave talked about tongues being a prayer language with God. Not everyone has the gift of tongues, but that doesn't mean that we don't have intimate communion with God through prayer. What do we learn about prayer from these passages?

Matthew 6:9-13

Matthew 26:40-41

Romans 8:26

James 5:13-20

How do these passages challenge you to pray differently?

4. We have spent the last few weeks discussing Spiritual Gifts. At the end of the message Dave told us that our gifts are there to build each other up, promote order, and promote love. As you think about your Spiritual Gifts, how can you practically use them to promote love within the body of Christ? What would this look like?

Wrapping Up:

Based on last week's message and our discussion, is there any specific application that God might be prompting you to live out?

Take a few moments to take some prayer request and spend some time praying for the other members in your group.