



Week 10 | Church in the City | October 22

Opening Up:

If you could learn another language, what would it be and why?

Have you ever tried and failed to speak another language?

What are the first words you usually learn when learning a new language. What does that tell you about human connection and communication?

Reference: 1 Corinthians 14

Discuss:

1. Have you received any insight into your spiritual giftedness that you want to share with the group?
2. Outside of volunteering during a church gathering, what are some other ways we can offer our gifts for the common good of the church?
3. Do you have any personal experience with speaking in tongues?
4. In 14:17; Acts 2:11 we see that tongues is a prayer language that tells God how great he is and your gratitude to him. What is something you could praise God about right now? Has God done anything great in your life recently?
5. Prophecy is saying out loud something you believe God is saying to you. Have you ever felt like God was leading you with specific thoughts or words?
6. Have you ever prayed for wisdom (James 1:5), how has God answered that prayer?
7. Have you ever felt like God was bringing a specific scripture to you mind for a specific purpose? (John 14:26)

Wayne Grudem writes: "If someone really does think God is bringing something to mind which should be reported in the congregation, there is nothing wrong with saying, 'I think the Lord is putting on my mind that . . . ' or 'It seems to me that the Lord is showing us . . . ' or some similar expression. Of course that does not sound as 'forceful' as 'Thus says the Lord,' but if the message is really from God, the Holy Spirit will cause it to speak with great power to the hearts of those who need to hear."

8. Have you ever said something like this?
9. How might a prophetic voice in the church cause unbelieving outsiders to worship God? (14:25)
10. So... What has God been saying to you?
11. Has God said anything to you that would build up, encourage, or comfort anyone in the church? (14:3)
12. Pray.