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Sermon Discussion Guide
February 16, 2025
1 Corinthians 14:1-40

Read the sermon text (1 Corinthians 14:1-40) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...

The Church: Spiritual Gifts, Part 2
1 Corinthians 14:1-40

Sermon Outline

1. The Target: Body Building (14:1-26)
2. The Technique: Peaceful Harmony (14:27-40)

Sermon Thought: Believers are called to use their spiritual gifts to build others up.

Sermon Discussion questions

*After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, **select the questions that will best help you frame the group’s discussion** of this sermon and sermon text. Don’t feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.*

1. Prime the Pump Question: Body Building—In a weight room, there are various kinds of weights and equipment. Which do you like most? Which do you like least?
2. What questions do you have about spiritual gifts?
3. Is there anything about the passage or message that stood out to you?
4. Do you know what spiritual gift you have? If not, how can you find out?
5. Our target is to build up the body of Christ, by building up other believers. Name someone that you can build up this week? How can you build that person up?
6. Chapter 14 talks about how the church is misusing the gifts, especially the gift of tongues. Can you think of examples of spiritual gifts that you have seen misused?
7. Have you ever known someone whose spiritual gift seems totally opposite to their personality and natural abilities? How do you explain this?
8. Are the gifts like “tongues” and “miracles” still active today? Name at least one Scripture to support your answer.
9. How does the construction metaphor of “building up” fit well to describe spiritual gifts in the church?

10. Do you think you are more wired to have a gift of “serving” or a gift of “speaking?”

11. Consider the definition of love given in 1 Corinthians 13. Connect each quality with at least one spiritual gift, describe how the gift demonstrates that aspect of love.

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| -Patient | -Does not delight in evil |
| -Kind | -Rejoices with the truth |
| -Does not envy | -Always protects |
| -Does not boast | -Always trusts/believes |
| -Is not rude | -Always hopes |
| -Is not self-seeking | -Always perseveres |
| -Is not easily angered | -Never fails/ends |
| -Keeps no record of wrongs | |

12. Paul uses three pictures to illustrate that “understanding” is essential when it comes to speaking in tongues and prophecy. Name at least one principle from each illustration that shows why “understanding” is essential.

1. Musical instruments—harp and flute (v.7)
2. Bugle in the military (v.8-9)
3. Human languages and communication (v.10-12)

13. Read 1 Corinthians 14:12. What would it look like for you to “strive to excel in building up the church” this week?

14. Read 14:27-40. Paul’s main concern is that nothing gets in the way of spreading the gospel. How would the things mentioned in these verses hinder the gospel from moving forward?

15. Why is it important to make sure that any prophetic word is in full agreement with Scripture? What could happen if this isn’t the case?

16. Read these verses. Can you think of one principle that you can apply from each one, in the area of spiritual gifts in your life?

17. Why do you think that God wanted you to see/hear this passage today?