



SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Icebreaker: What is something you just don't understand? It could be anything, sports, music, pop-culture, men, women, you name it.

Context: Love is what motivates believers to use their spiritual gifts in order to build up the Church. In this section, Paul is going to focus on addressing two spiritual gifts that can be difficult to understand and easy to misuse.

Passage: Ask volunteers to read 1 Corinthians 14:1-25.

Discussion

1. Why would Paul exhort believers to pursue love and to eagerly desire spiritual gifts?
2. How does Paul contrast speaking in tongues and prophesying in verses 2-5? Why does he favor prophesying over tongues?
3. What is challenging to you about these verses? How do these verses challenge your views, beliefs, or practices regarding spiritual gifts?
4. What argument is Paul making in verses 6-12?
5. What's the danger in getting caught up in the mysteriousness of signs and wonders?
6. How is Paul's analogy of musical instruments helpful in verses 7-8?
7. Paul tells us in verse 12 that we should strive to excel in building up the Church. How does that help clarify the purpose of spiritual gifts?
8. Why is Paul's challenge to remember outsiders important here?
9. In the context of this chapter and the discussion of spiritual gifts, what does it look like to be childish in one's thinking? What does it look like to be mature in their thinking?
10. How have you matured in your thinking on spiritual gifts, either throughout this series or in your spiritual journey?
11. Paul seems to be concerned in these verses with how those outside the faith experience the church gathering. How can having a similar concern be helpful for us, as a group and as a church?

Next Step

12. How can you help build up the body of Christ at First Light Church with your spiritual gifts?

K4 Connection: We use our gifts to build up and encourage our faith family, while also creating environments for people to come just as they are and meet Jesus just as He is.

Care and Pray

· How can we care and pray for one another?

MESSAGE NOTES

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Reflecting Christ

1 Corinthians 14:1-25

Spiritual Gifts Should Build Up The Church

1. _____ love to build up the church. (vs. 1-5)
2. _____ to excel in building up the church. (vs. 6-12)
3. _____ your gifts to build up the church. (vs. 13-19)
4. _____ people for Christ builds up the church. (vs. 20-25)

