



# 1 Corinthians 14

## Loving Tongues

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### Discussion Questions

#### INTRODUCTION

The Corinthian church was caught up in their prideful displays of spirituality. In this text we see how Paul addresses the issue of tongues and prophecy by going beneath the surface to expose their sinful motives. We too often live our lives with the same sinful motives of selfishness and pride. This should encourage us even more to fix our eyes on our Savior who willingly served us through His life, death, and resurrection, for the glory of His Father and the benefit of many.

#### DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Before you examine and discuss the entire passage take a few moments to meditate on verse one by divided it up into three parts and drawing out meaning from each part. This will help set the tone for the rest of your discussion.
2. Why is it important that we make the gospel message clear in corporate worship? How are our efforts to make the gospel clear, like the incarnation of Jesus? (Hint: context and clarity) What are some of the ways we try to make the gospel clear? What about different contexts?
3. Used properly, tongues and prophecy are both gifts from God but how are their functions different? Or put another way, how is their intended goal different?
4. How can speaking in tongues be selfish? Considering our natural selfish hearts, what change needs to happen in our hearts that we would even care about benefiting others? Do you need to repent of any selfishness in your heart? How can you grow in putting others benefit before your own?
5. When you come to corporate worship, what is your tongue doing? Encouraging? Upbuilding? Consoling? Do you need to repent of any sin concerning your tongue? (Proverbs 18:21-Death and life are in the power of the tongue).
6. How do we display the Gospel through serving one another and unbelievers? How are you actively engaging in corporate worship & the life of the body? How are you building others up?
7. List/Review some of the priorities that Paul sets out in 1 Cor. 14 to govern our corporate worship gatherings. How do these priorities relate to the life and work of Jesus? (Hints: submission, concern for the lost, concern that believers are encouraged by the gospel, humility, making the gospel clear)
8. In light of the past several sermons on spiritual gifts, how can you love and build up the body of Christ with the gifts God has entrusted you to steward and use for His glory?