

Home Group Questions: 1 Corinthians 14: 1-19

- **Why would Paul link following the way of love with eagerly desiring the Spiritual gifts in verse 1?**
- **What has been your experience of speaking in tongues and what have you thought about this gift in the past?**
- **If speaking in tongues is one of the main signs of being filled with the Spirit in the book of Acts, why is it an uncomfortable subject in churches?**
- **What do you notice about what Paul says about the different gifts of tongues and prophecy in verses 2-4?**
- **What line do you think Paul is trying to tread in his explanation in this passage?**
- Theologian Tom Wright claims, *"Tongues are a sign that God the Holy Spirit prays within us."* **How might it help us understand the gift of tongues to know that it is allowing the Spirit to guide and shape the form of words being uttered in prayer?**
- **If you speak in tongues yourself, share a positive effect that it has on your Christian life. How did you first receive the gift?**
- **Which of the beneficial effects mentioned in the sermon strike or attract you?**
  - 1) *Helping the believer enjoy greater intimacy with God through a private language of adoration.*
  - 2) *Helping us pray when verbal prayer is inadequate to express our deepest thanksgiving and praise.*
  - 3) *Releasing a greater sense of the Spirit's presence in our lives.*
  - 4) *Helping us pray in whatever context or circumstance we find ourselves in.*
  - 5) *Helping us relinquish control to God.*
  - 6) *Helping us experience a foretaste of our heavenly home.*
- **What might stop us receiving this gift?**
- **How can we get the gift of tongues in its right place and perspective?**

