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**Order In The Church**

1 Corinthians 14:1-12

**Key Truth:** Our spiritual gifts and public worship must glorify God and help others grow toward Christlikeness.

**Definition:**

Spiritual Gifts – Are a grace given God ability endowed upon every believer for the purpose of serving other believers and bringing glory to Jesus Christ.

**The Purpose Of Tongues:** Acts 2, 10, 19

1. For unbelievers to hear the clear message of the gospel

 in their language.

2. Isn’t meant to divide the church.

3. Isn’t the sign that you have the Holy Spirit.

4. Tongues isn’t an uncontrollable gift.

5. Every believer doesn’t speak in tongues.

**The Proper Use Of Tongues In The Worship Service:**

1. Must benefit the hearer.

2. Must be an interpretation.

3. Must be done one person at a time.

4. Prophecy is preferred over speaking in tongues because

 it builds up the local church.

5. The worship gathering should be done in decency and in

 order.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for gifting His church to do the work of ministry. Ask that He would help us use the gifts He has given each of us to help others grow. Pray that our worship services would honor God, strengthen believers and help point unbelievers to the truth of His Son, Jesus.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What comes to mind when you think about spiritual gifts like prophecy and speaking and interpreting tongues?

Are your thoughts on these gifts based on experience, religious tradition, second-hand stories, or Scripture?

Read Ephesians 5:15-21: How does Paul explain being filled with the Spirit? How does being filled with the Spirit bring unity to the church?

Galatians 5:16-26 paints the picture of a conflict between our “sinful nature” and the “Spirit” who lives in us. Can you relate with this battle in your own life?

Have you ever attended an event that was completely disordered? What effect did that have on you as a guest?

Paul’s directions that only a few people speak in a worship service may seem limiting to us, but why would he seek to restrict the number of people exercising their gifts in a single service?

How should we understand Paul’s comments about women? How does 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 help us understand this section?