



1 Corinthians 14:1-33 Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to “pursue love” while also “earnestly desiring the spiritual gifts”?
 - How does love shape or limit how we use our spiritual gifts?
 - What does it look like to build up the church with these gifts?
- According to verses 1–5, why does Paul elevate prophecy over tongues?
 - How does prophecy differ from tongues in its purpose and effect?
 - What does this reveal about God’s heart for how gifts should function in the church?
- Ben said “the answer to misuse is not disuse, but right use.” How have you seen this principle play out? In church life, spiritual gifts, or other areas of faith?
 - What dangers exist when we react to misuse by abandoning something altogether?
- Ben compared prophecy to the movie *Inception* - a thought “planted” by another source. How does that analogy help explain how the Spirit may speak through us?
 - What are some ways to discern whether an impression or prompting is from God?
- Why does Paul emphasize intelligibility in worship in verses 6-12?
 - How can our speech, prayers, or songs better reflect a concern for building others up rather than showing off spiritual ability?
- Paul repeatedly calls believers to focus outward rather than inward. In what ways do you personally come to church “to get,” and what would it look like to come “to give”?

- How can we, as a small group, create more space for people to use their gifts to bless one another?
- Ben encouraged believers to “make margin to earnestly desire the gifts.” What practical rhythms (prayer, reflection, Scripture reading, rest) could help you cultivate that desire?
 - What might be crowding out your capacity to seek God’s empowerment?
- How does prophecy serve as a “sign for believers,” while tongues can alienate unbelievers (verse 22)?
 - Have you ever witnessed or experienced a moment where God used someone’s words to convict, comfort, or reveal something personal?
- Reflecting on verses 26–33a, Paul calls for order, humility, and peace. Why does order matter in Spirit-led worship?
 - How can we balance openness to the Spirit with discernment and humility when using our gifts?