

Prophecy & Tongues, Part 2: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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Key Truth: All our speaking in the Church should be understandable and edifying to the Body.

In these verses Paul expands on the problem of making the public worship service a private show for one's own spiritual benefit. A worshiper may pray or sing out loud, but to the rest of the Body they are not making any sense. Rather than edifying or unifying the body, they are really just distracting others. To address this, Paul instructs the Corinthians that their speech should be intelligible for the sake of both edification and evangelization.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 14:13-25** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in Part 2 of the sermon on "**Prophecy & Tongues.**"

DIG IN

In gathered worship our speech should be...

1. **Edifying to the Body** (vv. 13-20)

What is the danger when the things spoken in the worship service are not intelligible?

In what specific ways does FBC promote intelligibility in our worship services?

Read v. 19: What do you think Paul means by what he says here?

What does it look like to be "infants in evil but mature in our thinking" (v. 20)?

2. **Evangelistic to Outsiders.** (vv. 21-25)

Why might it be a sign of judgment to refuse to listen to God, even if his word comes in a foreign tongue (see Isaiah 28:7-13)?

What might be some examples of "outsiders or unbelievers" who enter the worship service?

Describe an occasion in your life in which an unbeliever was converted during the worship service. How was the gospel explained to them?

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In what ways will you put what you've learned into practice this week?