

LEADERS NOTES

This material is to spur questions and discussion. Let the Holy Spirit guide the conversation. You DO NOT have to "get through" all the material. But to affirm the "point" of the lesson.

The Apostle Paul is speaking to the Corinthian church that is running like a three-ring circus. People are speaking in tongues, out of turn and interrupting the gatherings. People are showing off their gifts, particularly the gift of tongues, and trying to outdo one another. The church seems like a mess, and is, but when you are being effective and reaching the lost, church will tend to get messy and issues will need to get ironed out.

Corinth, was a major city of trade, science, culture and activity. one of the largest in the Roman Empire, located about 50 miles west of Athens. You would find Greeks, Romans, Jews, Egyptians, Syrians and a multitude of sailors and merchants by the end of the 2nd century, was one of the richest cities in the world.

Corinth was rich in wickedness. Its people embraced immorality, degradation of the value of the human being and abounded in heathenistic customs, traditions, religions and rituals. At the center of Corinth was the Temple of Aphrodite, which housed over 1000 female priests

Prophecy
Tongues
bibles

·Foretell

·Forthtelling,

- Open In Prayer

- Announcements:

Mens Nite Out- Wing nite Nov 24 6:30pm Location:FlightDeck(Royal Exec Inn,Nisku)
Come for a night of Fellowship and encouragement

Pre Service Prayer Starting Dec 3 Sundays @ 9:50am .

Christmas Banquet December 9 - **Fundraiser** for The Hub.

The Hub meets a vital need in our area helping people that fall through the cracks of other programs. Come out to hear what they are doing in our Community. **Please Bring Items for donation and Silent Auction**

Last Weeks Key point:

"C.S. Lewis: A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. **You must make your choice.** Either this man was, and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something else."

Follow up and review last weeks discussion, What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work with your family?

This Weeks Passages to Study:

Read aloud: 1 Cor 14:1-5

Key Point: *If one is eager for the manifestations of the Spirit, then be eager for those gifts that build up the church; specifically, the gift of prophecy. Prophecy is to function in three ways: to exhort, edify and comfort the church. It builds up the body and its members. It speaks moral precepts and warning. It gives encouragement.*

Context: what was the cultural context that Corinth was at the time of this writing ? Is there similarities in our culture today? _____
What is the difference between Tongues and Prophecy? _____

_____ builds up the church, _____ builds up the individuals. _____ edifies the church, _____ edifies only the speaker. Paul's whole thing was edification of the church; building up the church.

·People did not have _____ back then. The NT was being written and the OT scrolls were expensive and not available to most believers. God spoke directly to His people through the prophets. The three gifts - knowledge, prophecy, and tongues worked together to convey truth to the people ([1 Cor. 13:1-2, 8-11](#)).

To Foretell and Forthtell - The Difference

_____ is of things to come. To declare truths through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit whether by prediction or otherwise. Responsibility of the prophet, but not the essence of that office. to foretell things to come.

_____ the proclaimer who speaks out the counsel of God; speaking in God's name and having received a direct message from Him to deliver. Not primarily one who foretells things to come, but having been taught of God speaks out His will.

Remember the 3 Basic Questions of any Discussion:

- 1 - What is God Revealing to you & those you are leading about the topic.
- 2 - What are you (they) going to do about it?
- 3 - What can we Pray for you this week?

edification
Exhortation
Comfort

it may have rebuking elements but it always to correct and build

my sheep
hear

Prayer, Reading, Studying, meditating, speakers, Asking, Being still, listening, Etc

listening
hearing
hear

build up
edify
love one

The goal of prophesy, or what prophesy should actually accomplish, the one speaking prophesy, who hears God speak, of New Testament times, spoken of by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor 12-14: But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.-1 Cor. 14:3

Paul mentions three functions of the prophet and/or prophecy **Read out loud this Passage and write down the 3 functions. 1 Cor 14:3**

- _____ - builds up Christian character
- _____ - speaks moral precepts and warnings
- _____ - gives encouragement from personal testimony, example and sympathy

Ask people to share to the group any time where they have been given a prophesy; Prophesied themselves to others or another? _____
IE: God gave you a **word** to share with someone.

Ask: Why do we not hear prophesy as much today/ Or do we?

Ask: What forms does it take today? _____

Discuss: Are their consequences to sharing/prophesying? To the one sharing and to those receiving? _____,

_____, _____. IS it ever destructive or hurting? _____

Discuss: why we do not pursue being more prophetic?

How does one "get" a prophesy to share? _____

Read (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-18).

is there a clear methodology to being prophetic? **Read John 10:27**

"_____ hear My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me."

Are you Jesus' sheep? Jesus' sheep _____ His voice. The Holy Spirit is the voice of Jesus, and the voice of the Father. He is the voice of God Himself.

Discuss How do we hear his voice? _____,
_____, _____.

Prophecy is an **evidence** of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and _____ to God, _____ God, His voice, in an interactive relationship, is crucial and real. **Do you believe He speaks today?** Scripture says, yes, He does, will and is; the real question is whether or not we _____ Him or are willing to actively pursue His Spirit and listen?

Next week we will focus on the three parts of prophecy: Receiving a word from the Lord, Interpreting the word and delivering the word. Prophecy is to function in three ways: **to exhort, edify and comfort the church.** It builds up the body and its members. It speaks moral precepts and warning. **It gives encouragement.**

We are strongly encouraged to pursue the gift of prophecy in order to _____ the church; to _____ the church. And we do this because we love Jesus and He loves us and calls us to I _____ another by the gift of prophecy.

Prophets heard God's message and relayed the message. Everyone can prophecy, but not everyone is a prophet, that is an office in the church, selected and appointed by God.

CONCLUDE with a prayer time also ask if there has been any answers to past prayer