

1 CORINTHIANS: A CHURCH IN CRISIS

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SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:9–10

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

1 Corinthians 14:1–5

1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. 2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. 3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. 4 Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. 5 I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

1 Corinthians 15:20–21

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

1. Any authentic gift of the Spirit must conform to the Bible's prescription for its use.

2. We don't all need to agree on the issue of spiritual gifts.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Take a moment and read the passages of Scripture together as a group.

- What does the word "prophecy" mean in this context?
- How have you been exposed to prophecy in the Church? Did it serve the purposes described in verse 3 (Strengthening, encouraging and comfort)?
- In all the chapters we have studied in this book of Corinthians, we have seen the theme of the church functioning for the purpose of edifying other believers. How do you see that played out in chapter 14?
- Does this make you think twice about your role in edifying and building others up in the church?
- Why is orderliness so important to the church?
- As we have looked at the Corinthian church and all they are working through, what do you think about them? Do you feel compassion for them? Do you see a bit of us in them?