



**Supernatural – Chaos Free Zone
Pastor Dave Patterson 11.19.2023**

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[1 Corinthians 14:1-2]

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. 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.

[1 Corinthians 14:3]

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

[1 Corinthians 14:4-5]

Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies (builds up) the church. 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.

Exegesis: to accurately interpret the scriptures, within the context of the writing and intended meaning for those receiving the message.

Eisegeses: to extract and interpret scripture based on one's own opinions, experiences and ideas

[1 Corinthians 14:18-19, 23,26, 33]

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you. But in a church meeting I would rather speak five understandable words. ...the whole church comes together, and everyone speaks in tongues. ...When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. ... For God is not a God of disorder (chaos) but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.

[1 Corinthians 14:26]

"When you come together, every one of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation."

[Corinthians 14:23]

So if the whole church comes together and everyone is speaking in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, they will think you are crazy.

[1 Corinthians 14:34-35]

Women should be silent during the church meetings. It is not proper for them to speak. They should be submissive, just as the law says. If they have any questions, they should ask their husbands at home, for it is improper for women to speak in church meetings.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

(tfh.org/resources)

<https://www.tfh.org/-/doc/papers/women-in-ministry-tfh-position-paper.pdf>

[Acts 2:14-18]

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy. (preach and proclaim by divine revelation)

[Acts 2:39]

For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is for you and your children and for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself."

1. Speaking in tongues is direct communication with the Father.

[1 Corinthians 14:2]

"For anyone who speaks in tongues does not speak to people but to God."

2. Speaking in tongues bypasses our limited understanding and prays the perfect will of God.

[Romans 8:26]

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

3. Praying in the Spirit (tongues) builds us up and keeps us strong in the Lord.

[Jude 20-21]

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

[1 Corinthians 14:16]

For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the Spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the Spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

4. Praying in the Spirit is the gateway to all the other the gifts of the Spirit.

(See Acts 2:4, Acts 19:6, Mark 16,17, Acts 3:1-11)

5. Praying in the Spirit is a 'good gift' God wants to give you!

[Luke 11:13]

If you then, being sinful by nature, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

[1 Corinthians 14:1]

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit"

[1 Corinthians 14:39-40]

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues. But be sure that everything is done properly and in order.

Key Points:

1. Speaking in tongues is direct communication with the Father.
2. Speaking in tongues bypasses our limited understanding and prays the perfect will of God.
3. Praying in the Spirit (tongues) builds us up and keeps us strong in the Lord.
4. Praying in the Spirit is the gateway to all the other the gifts of the Spirit.
5. Praying in the Spirit is a 'good gift' God wants to give you!

Application for the Week:

This week, pray and ask God for a new level of the Holy Spirit to be released in your life. As you earnestly desire the gifts, He is faithful to respond.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been in an atmosphere of chaos? How did that atmosphere effect you and others around you?
2. When have you jumped into a conversation without context and misinterpreted what was being said? How did you feel when you figured it out?
3. Why is it important that we have an "exegesis" view of the Bible?
4. How dangerous is it to have an "eisegesis" view of the Bible?
5. Why did Paul tell us to have decency and order when operating in the gifts? What happens when we do? What about when we do not?
6. Why is it important that women are empowered and released to minister and prophesy?
7. What is the purpose and benefit for us when we speak in tongues? Why is it important for us to make this a regular habit in our lives?
8. What does praying in the spirit open up or unlock for us?
9. What do you think of the verse that the "Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness?"
10. What is your level of passion in pursuing the spiritual gifts and speaking in tongues?