

Sermon Notes

Worship that Edifies
1 Cor. 14

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Big Idea: When we gather together to worship we should glorify God, but also edify(uptift) one another.

Definitions

Prophecy: speaking God's words/truth/message to God's people
not just predicting the future
can be planned or spontaneous
should be supported by scripture

Speaking in tongues: prayer, praise, or thanksgiving to God given in syllables not understood by the speaker
directed toward God
no biblical evidence for elimination
most often done in private

Principles:

Our worship should strive to be understandable to those who are present

Our worship should take place in an orderly fashion so that people can follow along

Contextual Options (v.34-35)

1. chatter
2. uneducated questions
3. prophecy evaluation

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

As always feel free to tweak, skip, or add questions to focus on areas you think most relevant to your group.

1. Have you ever been to a church service in another language? What was that experience like for you?
2. What's your preferred Bible translation and why?
3. What are some of the ways that you have been built up morally, spiritually, or intellectually through worship services?
4. Do you see the supernatural gifts as still active in today's church? why or why not?
5. What has been your past experience and understanding with the gift of speaking in tongues?
6. How do you think the gift of tongues should be used in church today?
7. How do you think prophecy should function in the church today?
8. How can we tell if a prophecy or an instance of tongues is from God? What are some possible tests to put it through?
9. To what degree do you find Hope's worship services understandable? What changes might be made to improve understanding?
10. Read v.34-35, how have you understood these verses? Were you satisfied with the options presented this morning?
11. How might the principles in the passage be applied to a community group?