

# HOMework

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AGAINST ALL ODDS | OUR GOAL: BUILD THE CHURCH

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25

**Note to Leaders:** Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

## WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-25.
2. In this section Paul writes about two different spiritual gifts, tongues and prophecy. Make a list of the ways Paul describes each gift in the passage.
3. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
4. If time allows, look ahead at the "Digging In" section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

## FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. What's the most impressive building you've ever seen in person?
2. If you could "edify" or renovate one part of the building where you live, what would you do?
3. In this text Paul talks about tongues and prophecy. Have you experienced those gifts of the Spirit? Describe your experience to the group.

## DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

1. The Goal (The Way of Love)
  - a. Read Leviticus 19:2, Ephesians 4:11-13, Hebrews 10:14 and James 1:4.
  - b. According to these passages, what is the Holy Spirit's goal for Christians? In 1 Corinthians 14:1, Paul calls this project "the way of love." How does the church's growth and development result in tangible acts of love?

c. How do individuals, cities and the world change as a result of the Spirit's work? What are the obstacles we encounter as we practice the way of love?

## 2. The Construction Project (Edification)

a. Read Acts 20:32, Romans 14:19, Ephesians 4:16 and Jude 20-21.

b. "Edify" or "build up" are terms from the world of construction. When you read the passages above along with 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, why do you think the authors use this language? If you think of the church as a construction project with the goal of building people who love like Jesus, how does this affect your view of the church gathering?

c. How does this view affect your understanding of the gifts you have received from the Holy Spirit? What is their purpose?

d. According to 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, who is "built up" by the gifts of tongues? Prophecy? What is the more appropriate setting for these gifts to be used?

## BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

### Personal Reflection

1. Why do you come to church? How is the Spirit challenging or inspiring you to "grow up" in terms of your church attendance?
2. Would you say you have an "eager desire" for the gifts of the Spirit? Which do you need more of right now—gifts to edify your own heart or those that edify others?

### Group Application

1. Pray that the Spirit would excite your group to use their gifts to edify one another. Your group is a safe place to begin using your spiritual gifts. As time allows, begin to create space for the practice of your spiritual gifts on one another.

## DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

1. Are you ready to step into serving at Door Creek Church but don't know where to start? Check out the Serving Opportunities on our website: [doorcreekchurch.org/volunteer](http://doorcreekchurch.org/volunteer).
2. What about "tongues"? For some help understanding this strange gift, here are some extra resources.  
1) Short teaching videos on each of the spiritual gifts by Marc Maillefer: [doorcreekchurch.org/spiritualgifts](http://doorcreekchurch.org/spiritualgifts). 2) A Bible Project podcast about the day of Pentecost: [bibleproject.com/podcast/acts-e2-pentecost-and-expected-unexpected-spirit](http://bibleproject.com/podcast/acts-e2-pentecost-and-expected-unexpected-spirit).