

# Life Groups notes

## Read: 1 Corinthians 14

1. When did you first hear “tongues” being spoken? What was your reaction? If you have spoken in tongues, share with others how that happened for you? Jackie Pullinger speaks of how God started moving when she took more time to pray in tongues. Has this been your experience?
2. If you read through 1 Corinthians 12, 13 and 14, what do you detect is the problem that Paul is addressing? (...not forgetting that our reading through these chapters is like listening to one side of a telephone conversation). Would you say that Paul is anti-tongues?
3. The church at Corinth, it appears, viewed the gift of tongues as a sign of spiritual superiority. How does Paul argue against that view?
4. What is the purpose of speaking in tongues? What is the purpose of prophecy?
5. Steve didn't agree with the idea that tongues + interpretation = prophecy; what was his concern? Why do you think it is very confusing to speak of “a message in tongues”?
6. Read v23-25. What instruction does Paul provide to the Corinthian church in their use of tongues and prophecy? Would you be happy if the friend that you had been witnessing to for many months, and who finally agreed to visit your church one Sunday, was confronted by wall-to-wall tongues speaking? In which way might prophecy work to convict a person of their sin?
7. Why is it important to weigh prophecies? (v29-33; see also 13:9)
8. What do you think Steve meant by saying that spiritual gifts are naturally supernatural and supernaturally natural? In which ways can we inadvertently hype up such things as prophetic words and thereby discourage others from sharing those things that God has laid on their hearts?
9. Since all Christians can potentially hear from God, take time out to listen to what God might be saying to your group. Please encourage your group members to share those things on their hearts, however simple, as it might be a word in season for others in the group.