

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** October 21, 2018

**Series:** Messy Church

**Title:** The Gift of Prophecy

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 12:28

**Big Idea:** The gift of prophecy played a vital role in the foundation of the church, but the gift of prophecy is not for the church today.

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1. What is the gift of prophecy?
2. What role did prophets serve?
3. Is there a difference between Old and New Testament prophets?
4. What were the standards by which a prophet was to be believed?
5. Should we expect to see prophetic ministry in the church today?

# MAKE IT REAL

## Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

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1. What are the different perspectives toward the gift of prophecy today?
2. Why do you think there is confusion in the church today concerning the gift of prophecy?
3. Why can we be thankful for prophets and the role they have played in redemptive history?
4. Do you think the Old Testament and New Testament prophecy are different in nature? Support your answer with Scripture.
5. Why does it matter whether New Testament prophecy contains errors?
6. Discuss the implications of Ephesians 2:20 on the topic of prophecy?
7. What is the difference between the biblical gift of prophecy and an impression? Why is it wise to limit the trust and confidence we place on impressions?

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

You may not have the gift of prophecy, but you do have spiritual gifts that have been given by the Holy Spirit for the common good. Pray for opportunities to love and serve others this week in the ways you have been gifted.