

SERMON NOTES

Date: February 3, 2019

Series: Messy Church

Title: Truths About Tongues (Part 1)

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:1-19

Big Idea: The gift of tongues is secondary to the gift of prophecy.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

DISCUSS THE ISSUE

Paul tells the Corinthians to earnestly desire spiritual gifts (v. 1). Why might miraculous gifts like tongues tend to become the focus of inordinate desire?

What sinful motives might drive the pursuit of spiritual gifts, and how does the theme of chapter 13 provide some righteous basis for seeking and using the gifts?

What should be the main motivation for seeking gifts (v. 12)?

What is the common message in v. 3, 4, 5, 17, 26?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Paul says to “pursue love” (v. 1). How can you pursue love, especially as it relates to the use of your spiritual gifts?

In what ways might you seek spiritual gifts or use your spiritual gifts to build up yourself, rather than to build up others? Be specific about your own temptations.

How can you specifically guard against desiring spiritual gifts for the wrong reasons?

Think of a situation where you can show love and build up the church. Write a prayer asking the Lord to give you the gifts you will need to love and serve others effectively.

COMMIT THIS WEEK

What one personal action could you take this week to use your spiritual gifts to build up other believers?