



Complete these question **BEFORE** your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

1 Corinthians 14 The way of speaking

TO PONDER:

Imagine church in a foreign language. What would you miss? What might you gain?

Think back over 1 Cor 12-13. As we approach the controversial topics of prophecy, tongues, and women speaking in church, what principles should we keep in mind?

NOTE: This chapter raises some controversial ideas! Pray for God's help to hear his good Word. Pray for wisdom to discern the ways that peoples' past experiences may be helpful or unhelpful. Pray for humility, gentleness, patience and love.

NOTE: The word translated "tongue(s)" can equally be translated "language(s)".

Pray and read 1 Corinthians 14:1-33

Fill out the table (in small groups or all together).

	<u>How</u> are the Corinthians to use this gift? How are they not to use it?	<u>What</u> is this gift? How would you define it?
Prophecy		

Tongues		See also Acts 2:1-8, 10:44-46, 19:4-6
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How might we express these gifts in the church today?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:34-40

How does Paul's teaching on women speaking in church fit with 1 Corinthians 11:2-16?

Think over the whole chapter along with chapters 12-13.

a) How do we see God's goodness in the church?

b) How might you be able to speak at church to build up others?

Spend some time praying in response to God's Word.