

**Tongues and Worship**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
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**Message Overview:**

Throughout the book of Acts and in a number of other New Testament books, writers occasionally mention the spiritual gift of tongues. This spiritual gift doesn't get talked about much at MCA, in part, because this gift is not practiced in public services but also because it isn't difficult to locate abuse of the gift in various Christian groups. But what is the gift of tongues? How does it work? How does it benefit a believer? Why don't we practice it if it was practiced in scripture? In this week's message, we will explore the spiritual gift of tongues and look at how it is used in the lives of believers to strengthen our walk with God.

**Text:**

- 1 Corinthians 14
- Mark 16:17
- 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

**Questions for Discussion:**

I think this discussion would be suited well to breaking into smaller groups at the beginning of our time and asking each group to do the following:

- What 2 things struck you most from the message?
- What 2 questions did the message spark?

Take some time to discuss the group's responses.

1. What factors do you think contribute to the reality that the gift of tongues has been difficult for the Christ's church from the very beginning?
2. What makes you most nervous about practicing this gift?
3. Read vs 1 Cor. 14:26-33 (from the verses answer the following questions)
  - a. What do we learn about the character of God from these verses?
  - b. What is the goal of the church service? (vs 26)
  - c. What are activities that help that happen?
    - i. How would you define each of those activities?
  - d. What is the goal of these activities?
4. Is there anything about the teaching or discussion today that has changed the way you think about our walk with Christ?