



Week 11

Sermon Series: Rich Spiritual Worship
Sermon Title: Marks of Healthy Worship
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
Study Handout Week of: January 9, 2022
Group Week of: January 16, 2022
Sermon Date: January 23, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	Prophecy and Tongues – Acts 2:14-21
Day 2	Joel's Prophecy – Joel 2:12-32
Day 3	The Effect of Prophecy – Acts 2:29-41
Day 4	Isaiah's Prophecy – Isaiah 28:1-13
Day 5	True Worship – John 4:19-26

The Text

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

²²Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for

unbelievers but for believers. ²³So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues,

and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴But if an

unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are

brought under judgment by all, ²⁵as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and

worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 & Isaiah 28:1-13. How are tongues a sign for unbelievers, but prophecy a sign for believers?
- 3) How does conviction of sin function in the worship service described by Paul?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) What have been your personal experiences with speaking in tongues and with the gift of prophecy? What has been edifying to you and others, what has been detrimental?

- 2) What have been your experiences with other spiritual gifts in a worship service? Think of preaching, prayer, singing, fellowship, and even moments of fellowship on Sunday morning. When have you seen gifts used that built up only the individual, and when have you seen gifts used to build up others?

- 3) When it comes to structuring a worship service what do you think makes for a “good” worship service? Write out some of the characteristics of a “good” worship service below and discuss them with your group.

- 4) Paul explains that an unbeliever could walk into a Corinthian worship service, see people babbling in tongues, and say “are you guys out of your minds?” Is confusion on the part of an unbeliever to be avoided at all costs? Why or why not?

- 5) Paul explains that an unbeliever could also walk into a Corinthians worship service where people are exercising the gift of prophecy, be convicted of their sin, and exclaim “God really is among you.” Should a worship service have time dedicated to convicting people of sin? Why or why not?

- 6) Consider your intentions and participation with worship on Sunday morning.
 - i. What do you do to build up the body?

 - ii. How does your worship let people know God is really here?

 - iii. Do you come to be satisfied, or to serve God and others?

- 7) In America, we so often make Sunday worship about our personal experience and leave the serving to a select few. How is God calling you to serve, to exercise your gifts, to come to give something in worship and not just receive? Write out how you can grow as a serving worshipper below.