

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Supernaturally Life-Giving Words | Week 22 (14:1-25)

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 14:1-25** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the sermon and why?

Read verses 1-5. Before this week, what was your view of the gifts of prophecy or speaking in tongues? Do you see yourself more as a cessationist or a continuationist?

Read verses 6-12. Where have you seen these gifts used in the church, either in harmful or beneficial ways?

- If your focus was to contribute to building the body up in love, how would next week be different than last week?
- Based on the sermon this week and the discussion tonight, what questions do you still have in regards to tongues and prophecy? Have someone in your group record questions from your Lifegroup at **bit.ly/2F9NF7d** (<https://form.jotform.com/90715776621159>).

Pray that we would be a church family that eagerly desires for diverse spiritual gifts to be present throughout our body. Pray that we would be able to recognize and be thankful for when the Holy Spirit is doing something within our church family.

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- What are you struggling to believe about the God or yourself this week? In what ways does the gospel address any of your unbelief?
- Has the Holy Spirit been prompting you to do anything that you've been resisting? What steps do you need to take to obey?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.