

## Week 25 Discussion Questions

**Text:** 1 Cor 14:1-25

**Icebreaker:** It's spring! What's your favorite part of this time of year?

**1.** Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?

**2.** What can we glean from verses 1-5 (and the previous couple chapters) about the purpose of spiritual gifts as they relate to the church?

*Application:* Think of how this relates to the topic of love from chapter 13. What happens when we focus on trying to impress people with our gifts rather than loving them with our gifts?

**3.** Verses 6-19 identify gifts that mattered most to the Corinthians. In light of what Paul says in these verses, what do you think Paul means in verse 12 when he says, "strive to excel in building up the church"?

*Application:* Think of gifts that either you possess or that others around you possess. How are those gifts being used in building up Calvary?

**4.** Verses 18-19 include a scenario where Paul chooses to not exercise his gift. What does this reveal about Paul's attitude toward his own gifts and the good of others?

*Application:* In what scenarios might we also choose to limit how we exercise our gifts today? Explain what you think.

**5.** Verses 20-25 include the potential of our gifts to testify to God's presence among us before unbelievers. From the passage, what is it about the gifts that can help "declare that God is really among [us]"?

*Application:* We have "outsiders" among us each week. Pray together that we would use our gifts in a way that declares God's presence at Calvary.