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I NEVER KNEW

Does He Speak in Tongues? Robert Morris

Focus Speaking in tongues is biblical. The Bible teaches that speaking in a prayer language builds you up. It is a grace-gift, and you can choose to pray in tongues.

Fun Describe your perfect day.

Review Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 14:14–17; Luke 11:11–13

- **Speaking in tongues is biblical.**

The entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 14 gives direction and clarification about both the gift of tongues (which needs interpretation) and praying in tongues (or praying in the Spirit). Verse 14 says when you pray in tongues, your spirit prays.

- **Speaking in tongues is a benefit.**

1 Corinthians 14:2 teaches us that when you pray in tongues, you are speaking to God, and verse 4 says whoever speaks in a tongue edifies himself. And in Ephesians 6, part of putting on the armor of God includes praying in the Spirit.

- **Praying in tongues is a choice.**

In 1 Corinthians 14:15, Paul writes that he chooses to speak in tongues. In the same way we choose to exercise any gift (for example: the gift of giving), we can exercise the gift of praying with tongues. It takes faith and is a decision.

Group Dynamics Idea Pick a time to do a game night together. You may also ask everyone to bring a different snack or dessert (or you may make it a full meal). Taking time to laugh and play together is a great way to build friendships and strengthen relationships.

- Discuss**
1. What have you been taught in the past about speaking in tongues?
 2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1–5. What is the difference between prophesying and speaking in tongues? Is Paul teaching that we shouldn't do either one, or is he showing the appropriate usage for each?
 3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:14–15. Why do you think it is significant that, although Paul says you cannot understand a prayer language, he still prays and sings in the Spirit?
 4. Read 1 Corinthians 14:39. What stands out to you in this passage? How does knowing this scripture affect how we handle speaking in tongues?
 5. Have you ever experienced a prayer language? What was it like the first time you prayed in the Spirit? How did you grow more comfortable?
 6. Read 1 Corinthians 14:5. Why do you think Paul said he wishes everyone spoke with tongues?
 7. Read Ephesians 6:14–18. How can you make wearing the armor of God and praying in the Spirit a regular part of your life?

- Take Home**
- As we conclude, remember the following:
- Praying in tongues is biblical.
 - Praying in tongues is beneficial.
 - Praying in tongues is a choice.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the benefit of praying in tongues. Thank You for giving us a way to speak directly to You and to be built up in the process. Please give us courage and faith to regularly pray in the Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip As the group leader, always set aside time each week to pray for and about your group. Ask God to give you direction and new, creative ideas. You may want to spend time simply praying in tongues as preparation for your small group.