



# The Gathering



## MARCH 26, 2023 / THE GIFT OF PROPHECY / 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-40

*IN 1 CORINTHIANS 14, PAUL ADDRESSES TWO OF THE 'GREATER GIFTS' EXPERIENCED BY THIS CONGREGATION: TONGUES AND PROPHECY. BOTH GIFTS ARE GIVEN TO THE CHURCH FOR MINISTRY, BUT AN INTERNAL CONTROVERSY DEVELOPED BECAUSE OF HOW THE GIFT OF TONGUES WAS USED. PAUL NOT ONLY ADDRESSES THIS MISUSE BUT STRESSES THE GREATER NEED FOR PROPHECY WITHIN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.*

### **Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-25.**

1. What has been your experience or observation about the two spiritual gifts (prophecy and tongues) discussed in this chapter?
2. What is the underlying motivation for the direction the Apostle Paul gave here (1 Corinthians 14:5, 12, 17, 33, 40)?
3. How does the gift of tongues described here differ from the gift of tongues seen in other places in the Bible (1 Corinthians 14:2)? (see Acts 2:1-6)
4. What is the main purpose of the gift of prophecy as defined here (1 Corinthians 14:3)?
5. How is the gift of prophecy also used to impact the lives of unbelievers (1 Corinthians 14:24-25)?
6. Have the secrets of your heart been exposed recently in your relationship with God (1 Corinthians 14:25)?

***Holy Spirit, use me to speak your words to someone in my life this week.***