

TALK IT OUT

Week Starting 25 June 2017



KNOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12

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Take Away: Gift of tongues and praying in other tongues is not the same.

The more excellent way is operating in the gifts IN LOVE vs. IN THE FLESH.

Tongues and the gifts will cease at the appearing of Jesus and His Kingdom.

Start Talking: *Find a Conversation Starter for Your Group.*

So many times, at church, the gifts are confused with a job to do or a function that is needed. We have created things like the Gift of Coffee Making.... 😊

What are some of the roles you have fulfilled in church?

What was the very first task you ever did in helping around the church?

Start Thinking: *Ask a Thoughtful Question*

The Excellent Way – is doing things in love. Have you experienced the opposite of that in the use of the gifts God has made available?

What gift are you seeking God to help you develop? Why do you desire that gift?

Start Sharing: *Choose Questions that Create Openness*

There is a difference between praying our personal prayer language and the public speaking in tongues. Discuss what you think the difference is and what you have learned about the difference from this message.

Read the 16 characteristics of love according to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Discuss these characteristics as a group.

Start Praying: *Be bold and prayer with power.*

Father we desire to be used by you for the benefit of your church. We want you to equip us with the gifts you need us to have to love others and help build the church. We put aside our selfish approach to any gifts or talents that have been given to us and we accept that we use them for the growth and benefit of the church. We want to be equipped with these gifts and use them in love. Amen.

Start Doing: *Walk It Out*

Journal some of the times you have needed some encouragement and someone in the church has mentioned a scripture or said a prayer or used one of the gifts in love for you.

Think of someone in the church that you may want to share a gift in love with to encourage, edify or exhort them. Write down what you would like to share with them.