



The Gift of Prophecy

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Focus The gift of prophecy is inspiring and miraculous. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we are able to bring encouragement, comfort, and strength to others.

Fun What are some of your favorite memories of summertime?

Review Key Scriptures: Numbers 11:29; Acts 14:1–3.

1. Prophecy is inspiring.

In Numbers 11:29, Moses tells the leaders that he wished all people would prophesy. And in Acts 2, Peter quotes the prophet Joel about God pouring His Spirit out on *all* flesh. A gift of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. Some people have misused this gift; however, that doesn't discount how powerful and impactful it is. Prophecy is inspiring, strengthening, encouraging, and comforting and can be life-changing. 1 Corinthians 14 encourages us to eagerly desire spiritual gifts—especially that we may prophesy.

2. Prophecy is miraculous.

1 Corinthians 14:24–25 explains how the Creator of the universe uses prophecy to speak directly to people's hearts. We should be doing the work of God and speaking the truth of God. God fills us with His Spirit and sends us to be part of His miracles.

3. Prophecy is listening.

John 10:27 says that God's sheep hear His voice. The gift of prophecy requires God to speak and us to listen. We must have relationship and friendship with God. The Holy Spirit wants to shape every relationship in our lives. Proverbs 20:12 is a great prayer to meditate on and begin to hear the Lord. Ask God for eyes to see, ears to hear, a mind to understand, and a heart to believe.

Group Dynamics Idea Summer is a great time to change gears with your group. Have a BBQ, meet at a park, or go to a local event. There are many things you can do together to build relationships in a relaxed setting.

Discuss

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1–3. What do these Scriptures say about prophecy? What stands out to you the most?
2. What does it mean to you personally that the Bible encourages us to desire spiritual gifts? What spiritual gifts do you desire most?
3. What would change in your life if you brought the Holy Spirit into every conversation?
4. Have you ever received a word of encouragement from a person and you knew it was God speaking to you through their words? What was that experience like?
5. Has God ever spoken to your heart through the words of another person and it brought you healing or comfort?
6. Read John 10:27. How does it encourage you to know that God's sheep hear His voice? What are some practical ways we can posture our hearts to listen more closely to the Holy Spirit?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Prophecy is inspiring.
- Prophecy is miraculous.
- Prophecy is listening.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the gift of prophecy. Help us to have eyes to see, ears to hear, a mind to understand, and a heart to believe. When You speak to us in a way that would encourage someone else, please give us the boldness to share that word with them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip The gift of prophecy can be a challenging topic if people have been brought up with negative teaching against it. As a leader, be encouraged that you don't need to have the theological answer to everything! You have the support of Gateway Church. If people don't understand, or have more questions, refer them to Pastor Robert's series, *The God I Never Knew*, on sermons.gatewaypeople.com. It shares a theological foundation to begin understanding the gifts of the Holy Spirit.