



Does He Speak in Tongues?

Focus God has given us the Holy Spirit to comfort us and help in our prayer lives.

Open If you could speak another language, what would it be and why? (or) If you speak multiple languages, what are the advantages?

- Talk**
1. In what ways do you most often pray? What are some things you do in your prayer times that make you feel the most effective and the most connected to God?
 2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:14–17. According to this passage, what are the two different ways in which we can pray and sing?
 3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:2 and 1 Corinthians 14:4. A prayer language is the private expression of the gift of tongues. Does speaking mysteries to God and edifying ourselves sound like a godly thing or a bad thing? What keeps us from praying in the Spirit more often?
 4. Have you been taught anything contrary to scripture about praying in tongues? What do you think would keep a person from receiving the gift of tongues?
 5. Read Romans 8:6–28. According to this passage, what are some of the ways the Holy Spirit benefits us when we pray?
 6. Have you ever not known what or how to pray? In what ways is the Holy Spirit equipped to help you pray?

7. Have you ever experienced edification when praying in the Spirit? Do you recall a specific time you felt your own attitude change toward something or someone after praying in the Spirit?

Live

1. Read Ephesians 6:13–18. Do you put on the armor of God every day? What type of prayer does Paul say is part of our armor? Why do you think this is so important?
2. Read Luke 11:11–13. If you do not have a prayer language, keep asking God for one. How does our asking for this gift work together with us yielding our mouth?
3. Read Jude 20. How does this scripture tell us to build ourselves up? Why is it so important to stay built up as Christians?
4. Divide into groups of three to four. In your small groups, spend some time brainstorming about what you can do to make praying in the Spirit an essential part of your everyday life. In the coming week, make a conscious effort to pray in the Spirit whenever possible.

Pray

Pray that we would continually be reminded each day and in every circumstance to pray in the Spirit. For those who have not yet received this gift, pray that God would give this wonderful gift to them and teach them to walk in it.