

## Oceanside Connect Group Outline

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### THE TWO EXPRESSIONS OF TONGUES

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#### Key Scriptures:

##### 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (ESV)

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. <sup>4</sup> The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. <sup>5</sup> Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

##### Acts 2:1-4 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

#### Discussion questions from this week's sermon

Some Christians view tongues as an "optional extra" in the Christian life. **Do you agree or disagree with this view? Why?**

Sometimes those who do not pray in tongues can be made to feel like "second-class" Christians. **Have you every experienced this? How can we protect ourselves from repeating this mistake at Oceanside?**

One of the results of praying in tongues in private is that it builds you up in your faith. **Can you give some specific examples of this from your own experience?**

Most of the other spiritual gifts are outward facing from ourselves. **What make tongues so different (1 Cor 14:4) when used personally?**

In 1 Cor 14:14 we see that the mind is not engaged when speaking in tongues. **What possible benefits could there be in praying spirit to Spirit and bypassing our minds?**

**Why in 1 Corinthians 14 does Paul tells the church that any public tongue should come with an interpretation? Have you ever felt God give you an interpretation for a tongue?**

This Sunday it was said, "If we are ignoring tongues we are impoverishing ourselves and the church." **Do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**Why are some Christians anxious of this gift? 1 Cor 14:39-40 says that we should never forbid it. How can we or churches overcome this anxiety?**

**Do you feel any obstructions in your life that kept (or are keeping) you from experiencing the grace of tongues?**