1. **1 Corinthians 14:6-9**
* According to Paul, what might be the downside of just speaking in “tongues”?
* What do you believe is Paul’s main point in these readings?
1. **1 Corinthians 14:10-12**
* Consider what Paul is saying here, can you relate, have you ever been among others speaking a “language” which you do not “know the meaning” of and experienced a lack of understanding due to it?
* What effect can this produce between believers who are gifted differently?
* What is Paul’s advice in the end to the community of Corinth?
* What do you think the purpose of these gifts are, which Paul asks the community to “strive eagerly” for?
1. **1 Corinthians 14:13-15**
* How important is it for one who speaks in “tongues” to be able to “interpret” them in your opinion?
* Explain how your “spirit” can be at “prayer”, but your “mind” be “unproductive”?
* What is Paul’s solution to this?
* Can you give an example of that solution for us, please share?
1. **1 Corinthians 14:16-19**
* What might be an example today of the “one who holds the place of the uninstructed”?
* Why does this individual need to be able to understand what is being proclaimed?
* How much does Paul speak in “tongues”?
* Explain why Paul states he “would rather speak five words” than “ten thousand words in a tongue”, does he literally mean “five words”, share your thoughts?
1. **1 Corinthians 14:20**
* How can we, “in respect to evil be like infants”?
* How can we, “be mature”, in our thinking?
1. **1 Corinthians 14:21**
* **Isaiah 28:11-12**
* Compare **1 Corinthians** to **Isaiah** and share the similarities you find in them?
* Read the **footnote** in **Isaiah** if you have one and share what was meant by “strange language”.
* Who was God responding to here in **Isaiah**?
* Consider Paul’s usage of this passage in **Isaiah** in **1 Corinthians**, who might God be responding to through Paul (see the footnote in **1 Corinthians** if you are uncertain)?
1. **1 Corinthians 14:22**
* What is the purpose of “tongues” according to Paul?
* Have you ever witnessed the effect speaking in tongues has on a non-believer, if so please share what it did for or to them?
* Why would “prophecy” be “for those who believe” in your opinion?