1. **1 Corinthians 14:23**

* What effects might speaking in “tongues” have on an “uninstructed” person or “unbeliever”, if they were to view the whole church community participating in such an event at once?
* **Joel 3:1-5**
* What is promised in **Joel**?
* **Acts 2:1-13**
* Share two opposing reactions that some in the crowd had when the tongues of fire rest on the apostles (pouring out of the Spirit) and they began to speak in “different tongues”.
* How does this experience in **Acts** seem to differ from what we have heard about “tongues” in **1st Corinthians**?
* If we consider the gift of “tongues”, what two forms of this gift might one encounter as a Christian?

1. **1 Corinthians 14:24-25**

* **Acts 2:14-21, 32-41**
* What is the effect of one “prophesying” before an “unbeliever or uninstructed person” in a manner that they could understand according to what you read in **1st Corinthians** and **Acts**?

1. **St. Augustine 354 AD- 430 AD** (*First Epistle of John VI section 10*)

“In the **earliest times**, the **Holy Ghost fell upon them** that believed: and they **spoke** with **tongues**, which **they had not learned**, as the **Spirit gave them utterance**. These were **signs** adapted to the **time**. For it was proper for the Holy Spirit to evidence Himself in all tongues, and to show that the **Gospel of God had come to all tongues** **over the whole earth**. The thing was done for an **authentication and it passed away**. In the laying on of hands now, that persons may receive the Holy Ghost, **do we look that they should speak with tongues**? Or when we laid the hand on these **infants**, did each one of you look to see whether **they would speak with tongues**, and, when he saw that they did not speak with tongues, **was any of you so wrong-minded as to say, These have not received the Holy Ghost**; for, had they received, they would speak with tongues as was the case in those times? If then the witness of the presence of the Holy Ghost be not now given through these miracles, by what is it given, **by what does one get to know that he has received the Holy Ghost**? Let him question his own heart. **If he love his brother the Spirit of God dwells in him.”**

* According to **St. Augustine** what might be the purpose of the early church speaking in tongues (in reference to the **Book of Acts** account)?
* According to **St. Augustine** what had happened to speaking in “tongues” during the 4th to 5th century AD?
* According to **St. Augustine**, do all people who receive the Holy Spirit speak in tongues?
* What does **St. Augustine** mean when he states, **“we laid hands on infants”,** and why would an infant receive the Holy Ghost from such an act?
* Why do you think this gift which almost seems to completely perish after the first few centuries of the church, is now reoccurring more frequently in our own time today?

1. **1 Corinthians 14:26-28**

* Name four things Paul mentions that the community does when they assemble?
* Does this sound somewhat like our own assemblies now?
* What recommendation does Paul give to “anyone” who “speaks in a tongue”?

1. **1 Corinthians 14:29-33**

* What is the purpose of “prophesying”?
* Does each prophet have the ability to control their actions when moved by the Spirit to prophecy? Explain why if so?
* Share anything new you learned or something that interested you in today’s study.