

NEW CREATION CHURCH

Small Group Guide

Week of March 1, 2026

Small Group Guide: The Presence, the Gift and the Gifts - The Inspiration Gifts (Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues)

(Based on Feb 1, 2026)

Key Takeaways

1. These are manifestations where God inspires us to *say something*, different from revelation gifts where God *shows us something*.
2. **Diverse kinds of tongues** - supernatural utterances in unknown languages
3. **Interpretation of tongues** - revealing the meaning of tongues to hearers

Discussion Questions

1. Reflecting on the story of the Irish exchange student who witnessed tongues and interpretation, how might the authentic operation of spiritual gifts serve as a powerful testimony to unbelievers or skeptics?
2. What practical steps can we take to cultivate sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's promptings so we can recognize when we have an inspiration to prophesy or speak in tongues?
3. The pastor emphasizes prioritizing the edification of others over personal shyness or comfort. In what ways might our fear of embarrassment or being misunderstood hinder the Holy Spirit's work through us?

Practical Applications

- Be obedient to share what God puts on your heart (even if it seems simple)
- Read 1 Corinthians 12-14 in one sitting
- Ask God for opportunities to encourage someone

Prayer Focus

- **Hunger** for the gifts of the Spirit in our lives
- **Faith** to step out when God gives inspiration
- **Humility** to keep Jesus at the center, not ourselves
- **Wisdom** to operate in gifts with biblical integrity
- **Courage** for those who feel inadequate or fearful
- **Opportunities** to build up other believers this week

1 Corinthians 14:1 "*Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*"