

Small Group Questions for the week of 9/24/17

1. There are a lot of Legos at BCC! You are a Lego that God wants to use to build His church. However, many of us fear that we are not good for all that much, let alone the building up of the church. Does this describe you? How?
 2. Before Sunday, what did you think about the spiritual gift of prophecy? Are you skeptical of this gift? Why or why not?
 3. Consider the definition of prophecy that was given on Sunday: "Prophecy is telling something that God has spontaneously brought to mind." How does this definition change your view of prophecy? Have you ever done this (said something to someone that was spontaneously brought to mind)? If so, what happened?
 4. Theologian Wayne Grudem said, "If the gift of prophecy begins to be used in the church, the church should place even more emphasis on the vastly superior value of Scripture as the source to which Christians can always go to hear the voice of the living God. Prophecy is a valuable gift, as are many other gifts, but it is in Scripture that God and only God speaks to us his very words, even today, and throughout our lives...There we have a treasure of infinite worth: the actual words of our Creator speaking to us in language we can understand."
- In 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 Paul says, "Do not despise prophesying but test everything; hold fast to what is good." He makes three points concerning our relationship to prophecy: (a) Do not despise it, (b) test it, and (c) hold fast to what is good.
- Consider what Grudem says and what Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5 and discuss how, specifically, we do each of these three things.
5. Nathan said, "While there is a danger in relying on subjective impressions from God, there is an equal danger in believing that God no longer spontaneously brings things to mind." What is dangerous about each of these positions? What do you miss out on if you only rely on subjective impressions or believe God no longer spontaneously brings things to mind?
 6. Read each of the passages on prophecy used in the message on Sunday: 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21, 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 and 29-31. Summarize what these passages say about prophecy (i.e. how it is used, what its goals are, who can do it, etc.). if this was your goal every Sunday morning? How would BCC be different?
 7. If someone says to you, "I think God is asking me to tell you _____", how would you feel? Consider this: God cares so much that he wants to say something to YOU and will use others to do this. In what ways would this change your view of God and His activity in your life?
 8. We are told to "earnestly desire" the gift of prophecy. As a group, and only if you want to, pray for the gift of prophecy.