

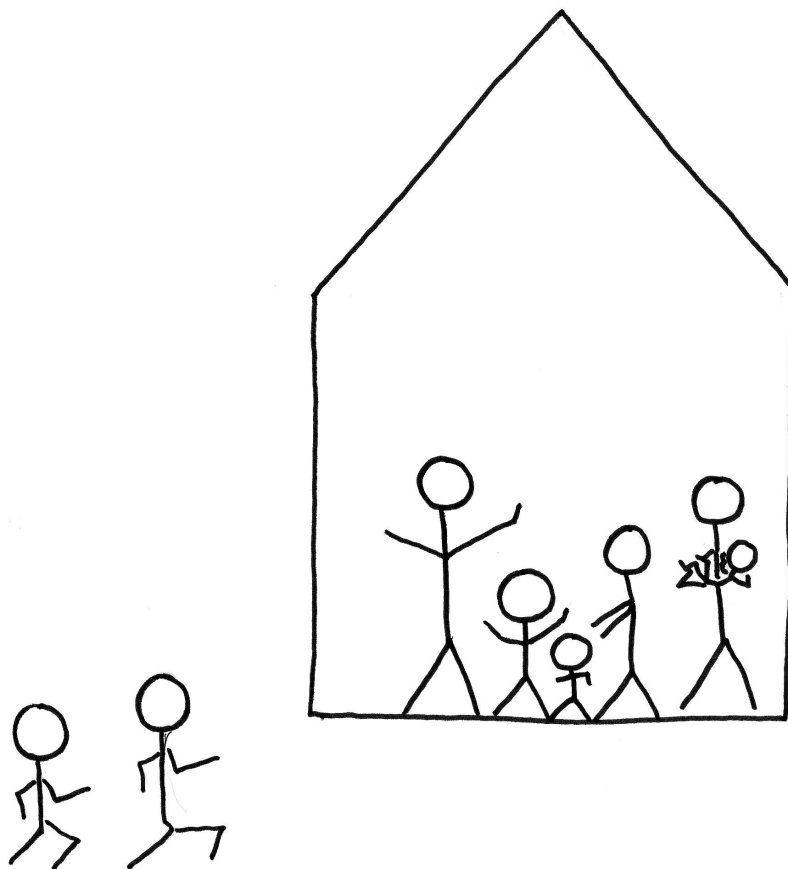
Welcome to

GoodNews Church

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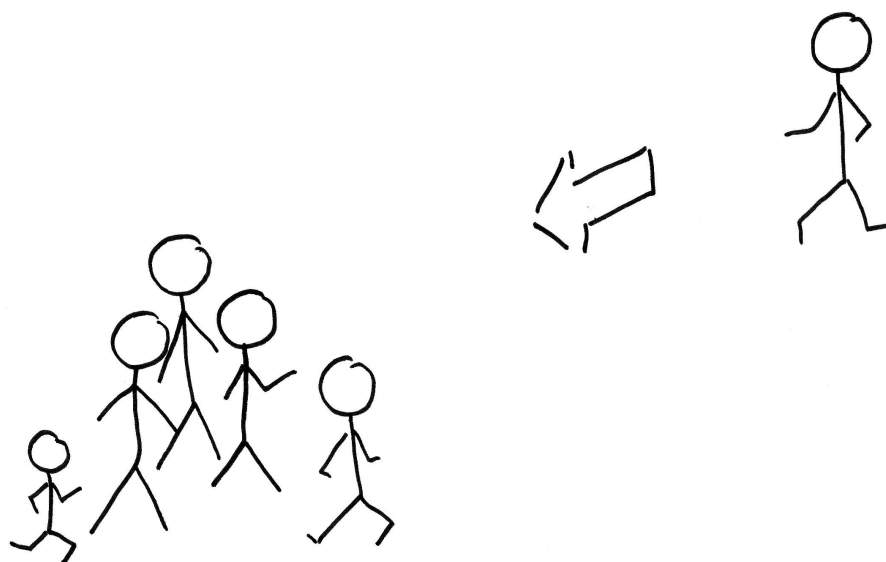
A little about GoodNews Church

We meet together every Sunday because we love Jesus Christ and proclaim Him as Lord of our lives (2 Corinthians 4:5). The Bible commands believers to meet regularly together as well as continuing in their own personal devotions with God (Hebrews 10:25).

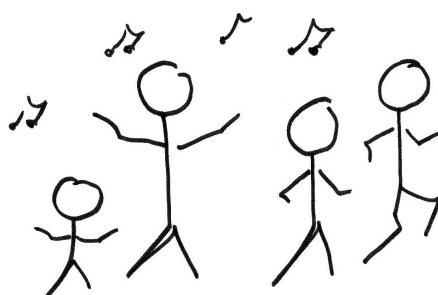
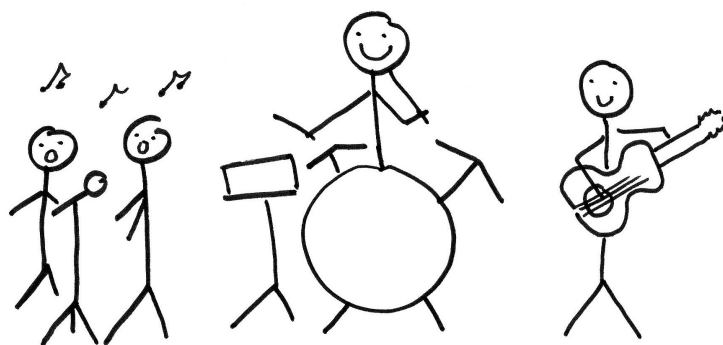


2 Corinthians 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

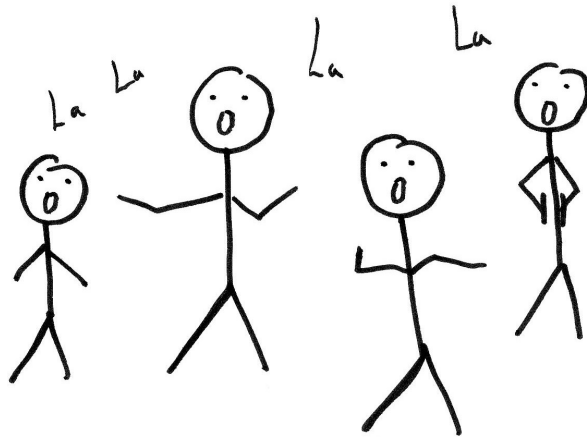
Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



During our meeting time we will sing songs. These songs express our thankfulness, our praise, our joy, and our love to Jesus (Colossians 3:16). We do this in a very personal way, often expressing it with emotion, as we would naturally do with those we love (Psalms 101:1). God gave us the Bible to be able to know Him better, to know about Him as well as to know what He requires and enjoys (1 John 3:22).



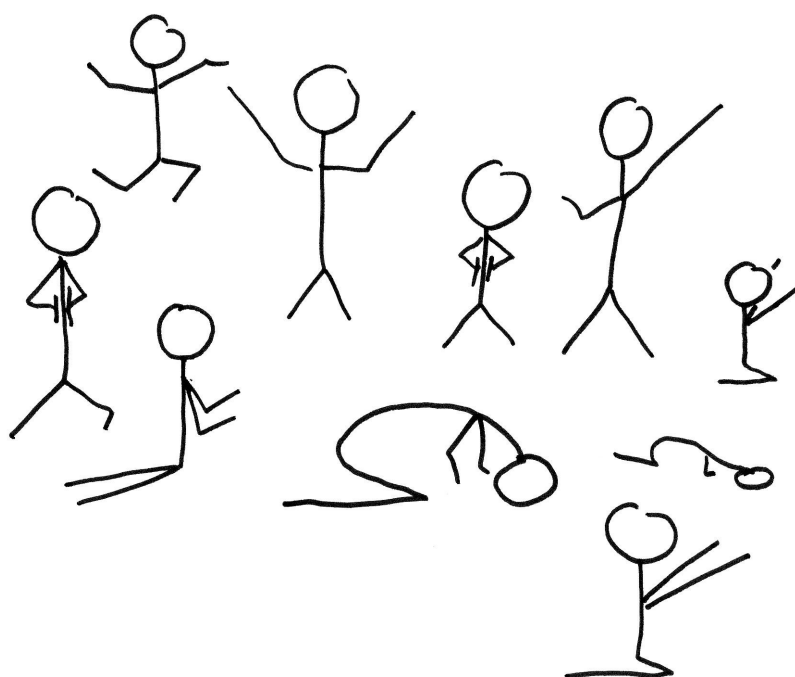
Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.



Psalms 101:1 I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing praise.

1 John 3:22 We obey his commands and do what pleases him.

The Bible tells us to praise God with our whole heart (Psalms 9:1), with everything we have. We're told to shout and clap (Psalms 47:1), to raise our hands (Psalms 63:4), to dance (Psalms 150:4), to kneel (Psalms 95:6), and even to lie down before the Lord (1 Kings 18 :39). Praising God is very interactive thing to do. (Psalms 22:3).



Psalms 9:1 I will praise you, O LORD,
with all my heart; I will tell of all your
wonders.

Psalms 47:1 Clap your hands, all you
nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

Psalms 63:4 I will praise you as long as
I live, and in your name I will lift up my
hands.

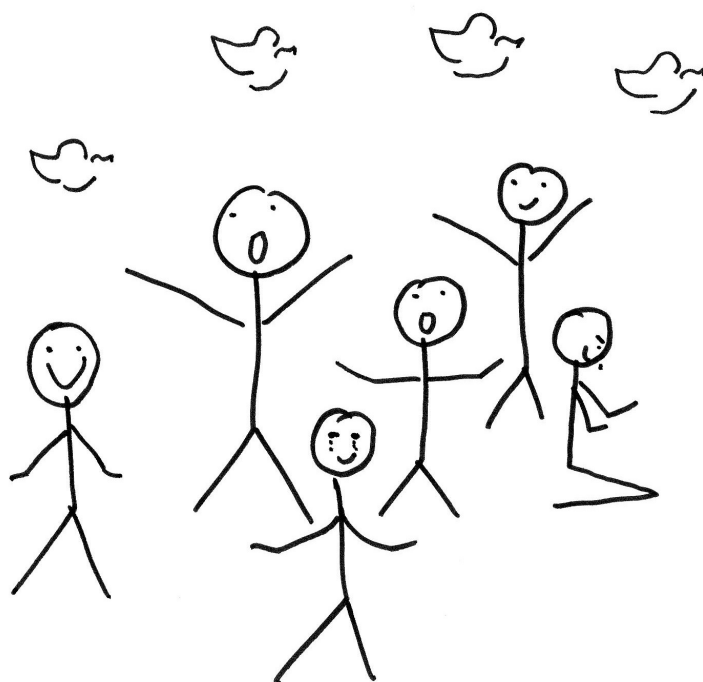
Psalms 150:4 Praise him with
tambourine and dancing.

Psalms 95:6 Come, let us bow down in
worship, let us kneel before the LORD
our Maker.

1 Kings 18:39 They fell prostrate and
cried, "The LORD--he is God!"

Psalms 22:3 Yet you are enthroned as
the Holy One; you are the praise of
Israel.

Sometimes during the singing there may be times of spontaneous calls of love and worship to our Lord Jesus (Psalms 96:1). These may include languages that we do not know, but which are given to believers by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:10). To quickly explain this, it can be thought of as a way that God allows us to express our love to Him when we get to the place that our words just don't seem enough anymore (Romans 8:26).



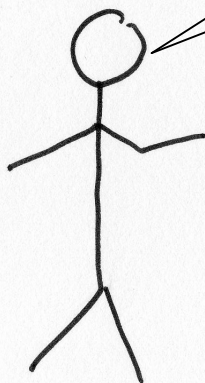
Psalms 96:1 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:10 To another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

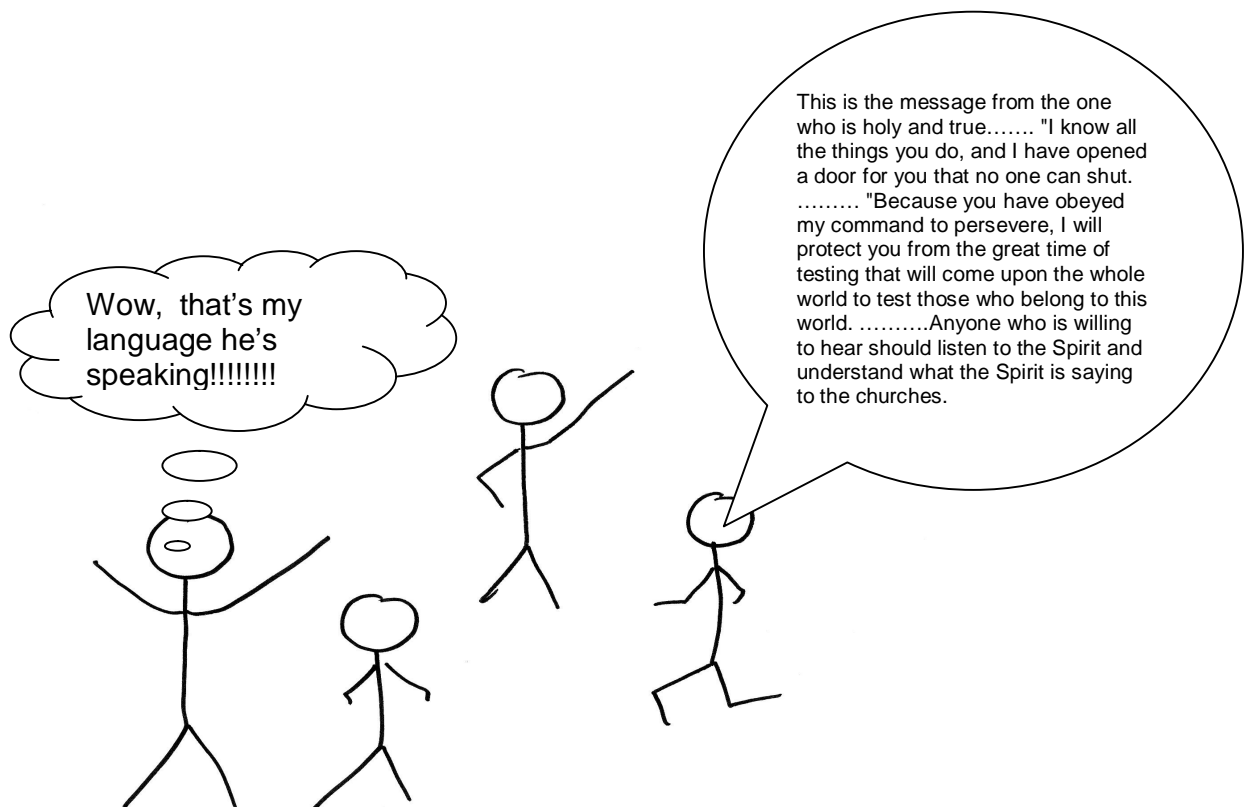
As a rule, if a person speaks out in an unknown language so that it is heard and holds the attention of the meeting, it is important that we wait for the Lord to give someone the interpretation of that language. This is so that everyone may understand what has been said (1 Corinthians 14:27 and 1 Corinthians 14:6).

7 “你要写信给非拉铁非教会的使者，说：‘那圣洁、¹⁸真¹⁹的大卫²¹的钥匙、开了就没有人能关，关了就没有人能开的，说：‘²²你的行为，你略有一点力量，也曾遵守我的道，没有弃绝我的²³哪！我在你面前给你一个敞开的门，是无人能关的。9 那撒但²⁴自称是犹太人，其实不是犹太人，乃是说谎话的，我要使他们在²⁵脚前下拜，也使他们知道我是已经爱你了。10 你既遵守我²⁶必在普天下人受试炼的时候，²⁷保守你免去你的试炼。11 我必²⁸要持守你所有的，免得人夺去你的冠冕。12 得胜的，我要叫他在²⁹神殿中作柱子，他也必不再从那里出去；我又要将我³⁰神的名³¹和³²神城的名（这城就是从天上、从我³³神那里降下来的新耶路撒冷³⁴我的新名，都写在他上面。13 圣灵向众教会所说的话，凡有耳³⁵应当听。’

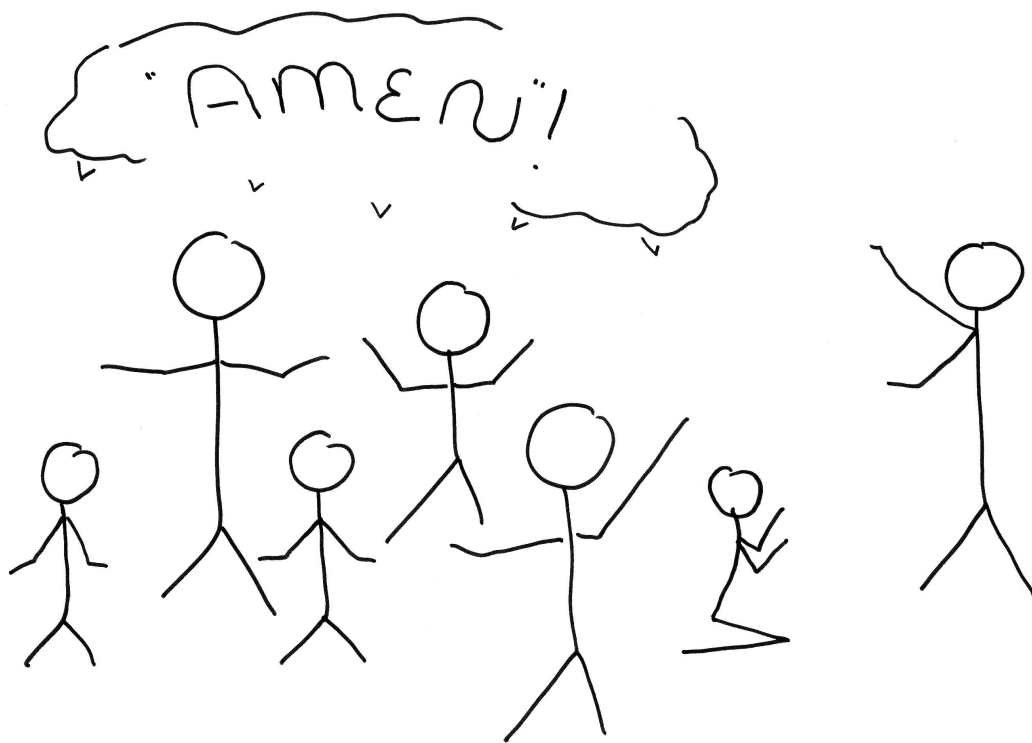


1 Corinthians 14:27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two--or at the most three--should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret.

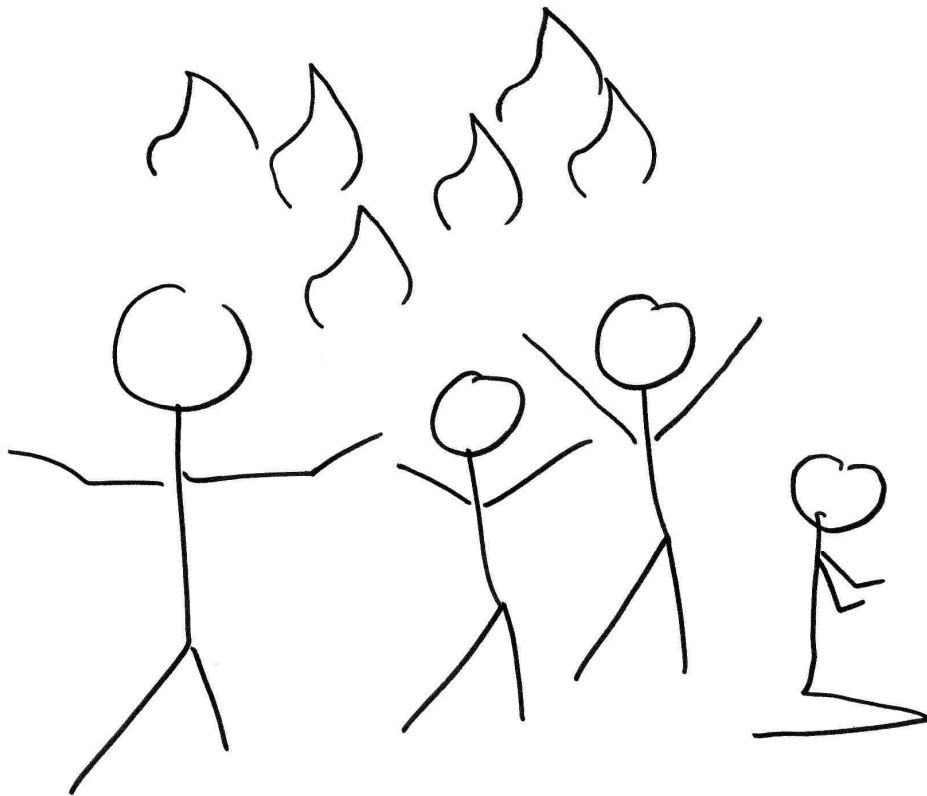
1 Corinthians 14:6 Now, brothers, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction?



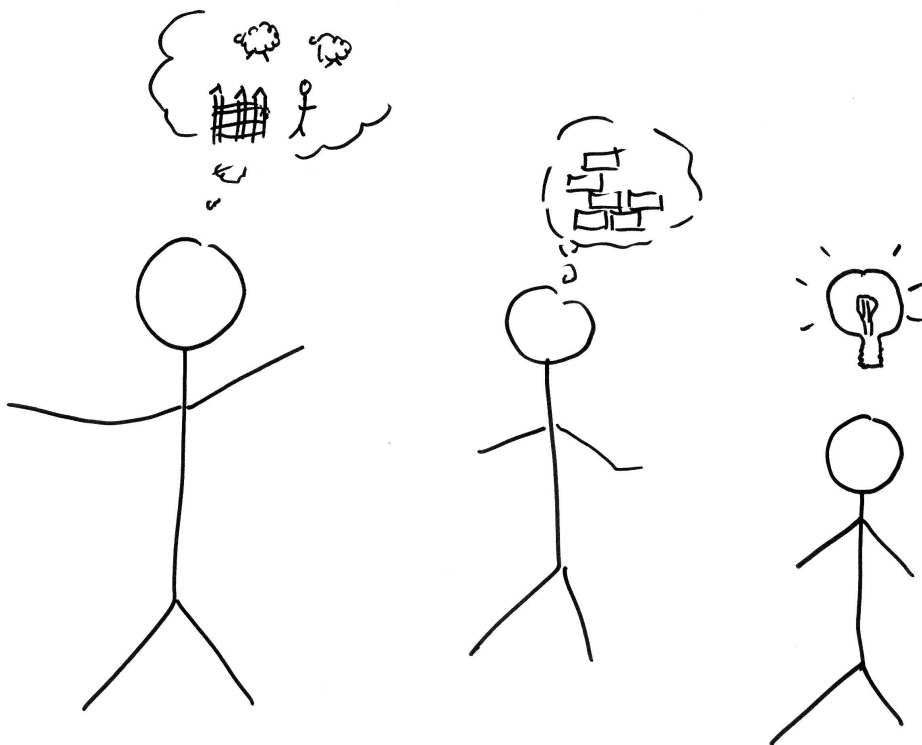
During the meeting the Holy Spirit may also prompt people to speak out in English. Often this is a prayer to the Lord. They will lead others in the prayer, and it usually concludes with an Amen. Amen means – So be it -- Yes Lord – We agree (Jeremiah 28:6).



Jeremiah 28:6 He said, "Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied.



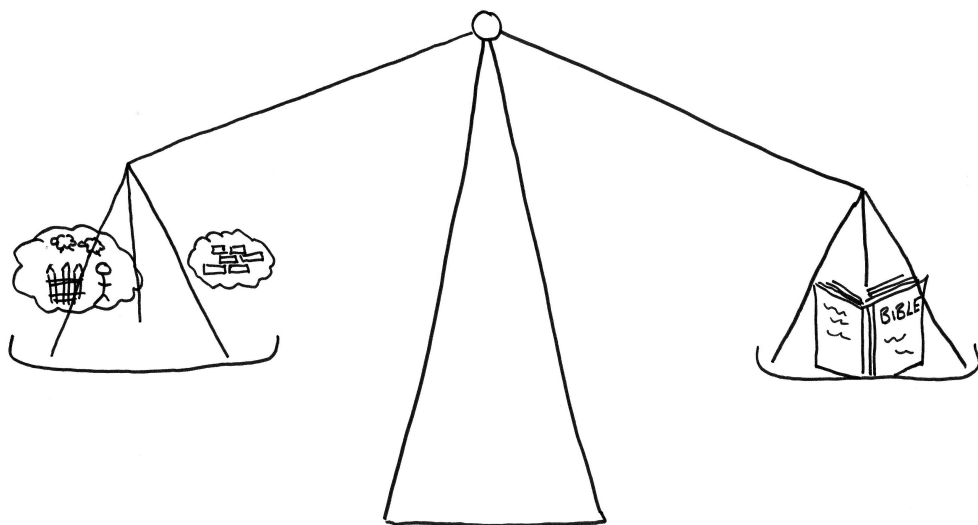
Another way the Holy Spirit prompts people to speak is called prophecy (Romans 12:6). This may be an instruction, a revelation, a picture, or an interpretation. God uses all these things to encourage people, to build people up, and to strengthen them (1 Corinthians 14:3). Prophetic words must be weighed by the leaders in the meeting (1 Corinthians 14:29).



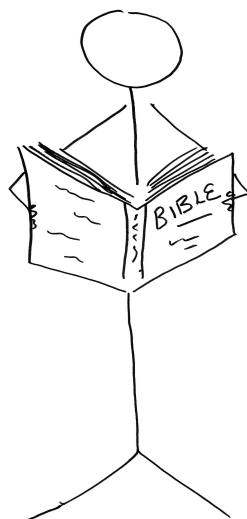
Romans 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

1 Corinthians 14:3 But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

1 Corinthians 14:29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.



There may be other times when people are led to bring a reading from the Bible. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and contains all that we need to know about God, and to know God (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is one of the ways that God speaks to people and He uses it to confirm what He is speaking through prophecy (1 Timothy 5:21). We believe that the Bible is the absolute authority in all matters (Psalms 138:2).

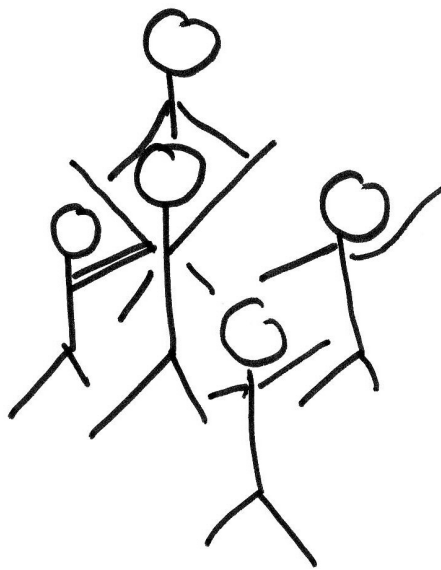


2 Timothy 3:16 -17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Timothy 5:21 I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favouritism.

Psalms 138:2 I will ... praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

We also offer opportunity for prayer. If anyone has a need, sickness, or anything that they would like prayer for, we would be pleased to pray for you (Luke 9:2 and James 5:14).



We hope that these few notes help you enjoy your time with us and sense God's presence here (Psalms 16:11). Jesus wants all mankind to come to know Him as Saviour and Lord (Isaiah 49:26). If you want to know more about knowing Jesus (Acts 2:38), please ask one of us or call:
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Luke 9:2 He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

James 5:14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

Psalms 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Isaiah 49:26 Then all mankind will know that I, the LORD, am your Saviour, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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