

WELLSPRING

W O R S H I P C E N T E R

The gift of prophecy 10/29/2023 Reflection Questions:

1. Which definition of Biblical prophecy are you more familiar with:
 - a. The ability to supernaturally predict the future.
 - b. The ability to reveal the present priorities of God and to bring encouragement by doing so
2. Why do you think Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:1 to “earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy”?
3. 1 Corinthians 14:3 states that “the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.” If that is the case, what should prophecy not look like?
4. What is your understanding of the three Biblical realms of revelation: General, Special, Subordinate? Can you think of Scripture verses that would describe each realm?
5. If Wellspring believes in ongoing revelation from God, how does any contemporary revelation relate to the Scriptures?
6. Did you realize that the New Testament reveals that the gift of prophecy has inherent limitations? (1 Cor. 13:9 and 1 Cor. 14:29)
7. If prophecy needs to be judged, and is therefore not 100% accurate, why would we ever want to participate in that gift?
8. How does Proverbs 14:4, “Where there are no oxen, the stable is clean, but much increase comes by the strength of an ox” relate to the previous question?
9. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 tells us that the primary reason to examine spiritual things is to “hold fast to that which is good.” Why do you think we tend to examine things in order to only find the bad in it?
10. What did you think of this statement: “Prophecy is not always a prediction of what will happen but an invitation from God of what can happen”? Can you think of Scriptural examples of God’s prophetic invitation to people that did not end up coming to pass?
11. Comment on the four points presented to help you examine a prophetic word:
 1. It will line up with Scripture
 2. It will have Holy Spirit affirmation
 3. It will have community affirmation
 4. It will produce good fruit in your life
12. Have you ever personally received a prophetic word or given one?