

Key Outcomes

The session focused on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in prayer, specifically praying in tongues (spirit of supplication). The core teaching: praying in tongues is the "perfect prayer" directed to God, bypasses human limitations, and aligns believers with God's will. An activation for speaking in tongues was offered at the session's close.

[Citation][Citation]

Decisions Made

Praying in tongues is essential, not optional — identified as the final and critical component after putting on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:18). [Citation]

Tongues edifies the individual; prophecy edifies the church — distinct purposes, not interchangeable. [Citation]

Believers control their tongues — speaking in tongues can be started or stopped at will; the spirit is subject to the speaker. [Citation]

Core Theological Points

Praying in tongues = spirit-to-spirit communication with God in an unknown language; prays God's perfect will when human words fail.

[Citation][Citation]

Romans 8:26–27: The Holy Spirit intercedes with "groanings which cannot be uttered" — but must be activated by the believer, not automatic. [Citation]

John 7:38: Rivers of living water within believers produce the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) — tongues draws from this well.

[Citation]

1 Corinthians 14:2: Speaking in tongues is directed to God, not people; spoken mysteries in the spirit. [Citation]

Interpretation of tongues: Believers can ask the Holy Spirit to interpret what was prayed — may come through Scripture, inner voice, thought, or another person. [Citation]

John 14:26: The Holy Spirit teaches all things and brings prior revelation back to remembrance. [Citation]

Jude 20–21: Praying in the Holy Spirit builds up most holy faith and keeps believers in the love of God. [Citation]

Benefits of Praying in Tongues

Edifies and strengthens the inner/spirit man daily. [Citation]

Prays the perfect will of God — avoids praying amiss or begging for what is already possessed. [Citation]

Provides comfort, relief, and refreshing through the Holy Spirit. [Citation]
Creates hunger for God's presence and reveals things to come. [Citation]
Enables effective intercession for others, even when the specific need is unknown. [Citation]

Key Scripture References

Scripture

Topic

Ephesians 6:18

Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit

Romans 8:26–27

Spirit intercedes with groanings; according to God's will

1 Corinthians 14:2, 4, 13–15

Tongues directed to God; self-edification; seek interpretation

John 7:38

Rivers of living water flowing from believers

Acts 2:4

Disciples filled with Holy Spirit, spoke in tongues at Pentecost

Jude 20–21

Building up faith by praying in the Holy Spirit

Notable Context

Pentecost precedent: ~120 ordinary believers received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues — proof the gift extends beyond the original disciples. [Citation][Citation]

Unity emphasized: The key condition for Pentecost was believers gathered in one mind and one accord; strife and contention hinder God's blessing. [Citation][Citation]

Church building project in Shirley, NY cited as personal motivation for praying in tongues more consistently. [Citation]

Action Items

All attendees: Begin or increase regular practice of praying in tongues for personal edification and intercession. [Citation]

Those not yet speaking in tongues: Contact Beacon directly via text for a personal prayer activation session. [Citation]

All believers: When facing major decisions, pray in tongues then ask the Holy Spirit for interpretation/guidance. [Citation]

Pending Confirmation

Individuals who have never spoken in tongues were invited to identify themselves for group or follow-up activation prayer — one attendee (Vaneat) responded. [Citation]