

1 Corinthians 9:15-27 (September 25, 2022)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

BIBLE PASSAGE STUDY QUESTIONS: READ 1 Corinthians 9:15-27

1. Typically boasting is viewed in a negative light. What kind of boasting is Paul talking about in 1 Corinthians 9:15-16 (Romans 15:17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)?
Share something you can “boast” about like Paul.

2. What was the stewardship given to Paul 1 Corinthians (9:17; Ephesians 3:1-9)?
How does Paul reflect a Christlike attitude in his stewardship (1 Cor. 9:19; Philippians 2:7)?
What stewardship has God given you?

3. Elaborate on Paul's examples of how and why he adapted to the various groups of people (1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Romans 11:1; Philippians 3:3-7; Acts 17:22-28; 1 Corinthians 8:7-13). How can adaptation to others be a good or a negative thing.

4. Give examples of ways you can "become all things to all people" for the sake of sharing the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:22-23).

5. "The Christians in Corinth would know full well all about competitive races...The Isthmian Games were held every two years on the very doorstep of Corinth, within a short walking distance...The Games were held in A.D. 49, shortly before Paul's arrival in Corinth, again in A.D. 53 and 55, around the period of the arrival of this letter."

(1 Corinthians-A Shorter Exegetical & Pastoral Commentary p. 146 by Anthony C. Thiselton)

How do the athletic metaphors used by Paul (1 Corinthians 9:15-23) apply to the previous verses in this week's passage? What applications do you find for yourself?