

Week 16 Discussion Questions

Text: 1 Cor 9:19-27

Icebreaker: Name one person who has taken a sacrificial level of interest in your life. What did they do?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out to you from the text or from the sermon you heard Sunday?

2. Paul says in verse 19 that he has made himself a servant to all so that he "might win more of them." What role do you think the mindset of a servant can play for encouraging others to trust in Jesus?

Application: What do you think it could look like to be a servant to unbelievers near you?

3. In verses 20-22, Paul says, "I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." What do you think it means to "become all things to all people"?

Application: Consider unbelievers in your sphere of influence. What do you think it could mean for you to "become like them," yet without compromising your commitments to Jesus?

4. In verses 24-27, the emphasis is on running to win the prize! It's very possible to press the metaphor too far, but what are some typical struggles and sacrifices a winning athlete needs to commit to?

Application: A mindset of winning is not the same as one of merely participating. What do you think is different between the life of someone who's set on "winning" as they follow Jesus in comparison to someone who's merely coasting along, hoping for a participation ribbon in the end?

5. Self-control and discipline are key traits for any athlete. What role do they play in a Christian's life?

Application: How have self-control and discipline been a part of your own experience in following Jesus? Take time to pray as a group that we all would continuously grow in these traits so that we, like Paul, would run to win the prize!

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