



1 Corinthians 9

“The Cross Shaped Missionary”

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Service, devotion, and unity have been ongoing themes of encouragement to the church at Corinth. In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul shares the purpose of his life: to win as many people to Christ as possible. Regardless of the struggle and sacrifice, giving the gift of the gospel is worthy of our entire lives. The winsomeness of Paul’s life teaches us how to deliver the Gospel to others in their context while remaining faithful to Christ and the mission of God.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. How do we deliver the Gospel to others?
2. What does it mean to have a “cross-shaped” ministry?
3. Can you share of a time in which you made sacrifices to share the gospel? Do you ever wrestle between providing for your family and doing ministry?
4. How do we faithfully give others the gospel by adapting to their context? What should we avoid as Christians when crossing cultural barriers? Why should we avoid these things? When have you been out of your cultural comfort zone to win others to Christ?
5. Why must we allow the gospel to do the offending and not our behavior?
6. Who is God calling you to reach right now no matter the cost?
7. How is our holiness tied to the mission of God?

PRAYER

Pray for God to destroy barriers in our ministry. Pray for open doors of gospel reconciliation. Seek wisdom to walk faithfully and unrelentingly into the world