

Sunday Message: January 23, 2022

Real People. Real Church. Real Grace. | Made for a Mission | Danny Lamonte
1 Corinthians 9:15-27

Passage Exploration Questions

The primary translation our pastors use on Sunday morning is the ESV. You may find it helpful to use the ESV along with corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible when reflecting on the questions below.

1 Read I Corinthians 9:1-27. Trace the logical flow of Paul's argument in verses 9:1-14.

- In what ways is Paul defending his ministry status and work?
- What "rights" does Paul believe he has and what illustrations does he use to support his claims?

2 Reread 9:15-27 and answer the following questions.

- Why does Paul set aside his rights for material support? In what ways does this free up Paul to preach the gospel and remove hinderances?
- According to these verses, what ministry posture has Paul taken and why does Paul adopt this ministry posture?
- Lastly, how does the running illustration relate to the content of chapter 9? How does discipline relate to his ministry objectives?

Application & Spiritual Formation Questions

1

Take a few minutes to share your Acts 9 experience. How did you first encounter Christ? In what ways did Christ turn you toward Him?

2

We have the same standing in Christ and general calling to proclaim the gospel as Paul. In what ways are you compelled and commissioned to proclaim the gospel in the context that God has uniquely placed you in?

3

While your ministry might look different than Paul, in what ways might you remove obstacles and reasons for boasting in certain “rights” for the sake of serving others and for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel?

4

How might letting go of certain “rights” as a disciple of Jesus allow you to discipline yourself for service and bring focus to your unique calling as a follower of Christ?