

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of September 16-17, 2023

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### How to Impact Culture

(1 Corinthians 9:1-23)

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### Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together 1 Corinthians 9:1-23.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How effectively is the global church currently influencing the culture around us?

In this portion of Scripture, Paul addresses Why and How to share the gospel (vs. 9:19-23).

Why do you believe the people around you need the gospel?

What impact could knowing the gospel have on their lives?

What impact has knowing the gospel had on your life?

What potentially distracts you from focusing on this need?

If you agree people need the gospel, then the next question to address is, “How do I share it?”

Paul provides a first step which involves us laying down our rights (vs. 9:19).

In a culture that many would argue puts a hyper-focus on personal rights and freedoms, how does this idea of “laying down your rights” feel to you?

What tension or excitement does this idea present?

Paul gives a specific example of giving up his own rights in verses 9:12, 15-18.

In what ways, if any, have you laid down your own freedom in order to better share the gospel?

Paul has the capacity to give up personal freedoms due to his intense desire for others to experience the gospel.

How intense is your current longing for those who don’t know the gospel to experience it?

If it’s not as high as you wish it was, what steps could you take to enhance it?

Paul provides a second step in sharing the gospel which involves intentional engagement with people (vs. 9:20-23).

How easy or difficult is it for you to go towards people with the gospel?

What are some of the ways you’ve taken the gospel to those around you?

For members of our community who may never regularly attend a church service, what are some creative ways we/you could bring the gospel to them?

What excites you about this opportunity to bring the gospel to others?

What scares you about this invitation?

Pastor Alan challenged us to consider the following question, “Where does the gospel fit on your list of priorities and passions?” Spend a few minutes sharing your thoughts on this question.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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