

In It for the Long Haul

My Rights

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- ➔ His rights as an apostle (v. 1-2)
- ➔ Expected ministry rights (v. 3-11)
- ➔ An abandonment of rights (v. 12b, 15-16, 23)
- ➔ What does Paul mean by the Gospel? (v. 23)

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Write out a definition of the Gospel:

- ➔ The need for the cross (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- ➔ The impact of the cross (The death and resurrection of Christ)
- ➔ The effect of the cross (Galatians 2:20)
- ➔ In other words, the Gospel is NOT a one time event, it's a mind and life altering passion.

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struggle, we lose the battle.

Next Week: In It for the Long Haul | 1 Corinthians 10

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

- **Welcome**
- **Weekly Vision Casting** If your life in 2022 was defined by the Gospel, what would your priorities be, and what might change?
- **Small Group Guidelines** (*if necessary*)
- **Warm Up Question**
- **Study: Head, Heart, and Hand Questions**
- **Personal Prayer Requests**

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Warm Up Question: What was something you gave your whole heart to for a season, and why did you do it?

HEAD: *These questions help us examine the Word.*

1. Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-11, Notice what Paul is saying about rights. Then notice verse 12, 15 and 23. Why is Paul giving up his rights? Why is it important to define the whole gospel in three ways?

- ➡ The need for the cross (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- ➡ The Impact of the cross (The death and resurrection)
- ➡ The effect of the cross (Galatians 2:20 a gospel lifestyle)

HEART: *These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.*

2. Pastor Steve said: "My rights come down to a wrestling match of the heart. At times it feels like a death match. I think if we minimize the struggle, we lose the battle."

➡ Do you identify with this struggle, or are you finding it joy to abandon your rights?

3. In verses 24-25, Paul talks about passionately running in order to

receive an “imperishable crown.” How deeply has the pleasure of living for eternity captured your heart?

HAND: *These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.*

4. What “rights” do you grip tightly that you need to release because of the Gospel?