DISCUSSION GUIDE



"A Culture That Honors"

Corinthians Are U.S.

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WELCOME & WORSHIP Meet at the front of Sanctuary.

WORD

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-3 and discuss the following:

- **2.** Paul defends his apostleship to the Corinthian church *again*. What is evidence that his apostleship and authority is legitimate?
- **3.** Discuss what Paul might be feeling that resulted in these words that were inspired by the Spirit of God.
- **4.** The evidence of your own faith and calling. Consider this: How does your faith have an impact on others? Share if you desire.

Read verses 4-18 and discuss the following:

- **5.** Paul is using himself as an example of giving up his own rights and freedom in Christ. Why is he doing this? What strong statement is he making about the importance of his calling?
- **6.** Reference verses 13-14. What does Scripture say concerning those who serve in the temple and those who preach the gospel?
 - Why do you think Paul is using temple offerings and those who serve in the temple to demonstrate what should be provided to those who preach the gospel?
- 7. Application. This passage is not really about money, but about honor (and value) of God, His Word, and those minister God's Word. As church who desires to honor God, what are all the ways we can out honor one another—all of God's people who minister?

WITNESS Corinthians 4:18, "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal". Set intention to live your everyday moments this week with an eternal mindset. What will you do differently that will reflect the heart of God to those you encounter? Think and do with expectation.