

DISCUSSION GUIDE



"What Is Real Freedom?"
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WELCOME & WORSHIP *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

WORD [1 Corinthians 9:18-27](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:18** What is Paul's reward for serving God free of charge?
3. **Read Acts 1:4-8.** Have you personally experienced this freedom/reward (the anointing—the power of the Holy Spirit not just within you, but upon you and through you) in serving God? Give an opportunity for every member to share their experience.
4. **Read verses 19-23.** How does Paul describe real freedom?
5. **Read verses 24-25.** Describe what stands out to you about the imagery of these words that God has given us.
 - o What is the prize? How can we run in such a way to receive it?
6. **Read verses 26-27.** What does Paul say he does to run this race? How would you apply doing the same in your own race?
7. **Surrendering to the Holy Spirit.** What do we all hunger for even if we don't know it yet? What is the simple (and hard) thing we must do to receive from Him? Allow opportunity for every member of your group to share.

Pray for one another and ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to surrender whatever it is you need to surrender to Him. Ask for the Lord to clothe you with the power of the Holy Spirit to run your race and get the prize.

WITNESS In John 10:10 Jesus says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Consider the race you are running as Paul described and the power of the Holy Spirit within you, upon you and through you as you surrender to Him. Live openly as one who is free in Christ and remember Jesus' promise: He has come to give you life—and have it to the full. May you be a witness to those around you and an encouraging example to your brothers and sisters in Christ.