

# Church >in< Community | 1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

## OVERVIEW

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Paul defends his rights as an apostle, including his right to financial support, yet explains why he willingly chooses to forgo these rights. His focus is on preaching the gospel freely, driven by a deep sense of calling and commitment to serve others without any hindrance.

## OHANA TIME!

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**Icebreaker:** What's one thing that always brings a smile to your face, no matter what? **Or** What is your favorite beach?

**Activity:** Plan a Thanksgiving event together!

## PRAYER

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**Pray as a group:** Pray for faith that forsakes all "rights and privileges" and instead be committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## QUESTIONS: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-18

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1. What theme does Paul address in this passage?
2. What specific rights does Paul highlight as an apostle?
3. Why do you think Paul chose not to use his rights (ex. financial support), even though he had the freedom to do so?
4. What does Paul's approach in this passage reveal about his commitment to prioritizing others' needs above his own?
5. In what ways might holding onto our personal "rights" or privileges hinder our witness or ministry to others?
6. How can Paul's example challenge us to consider what sacrifices we are willing to make to reach others for Christ?
7. Why do you think Paul was so determined to preach the gospel voluntarily, without expecting compensation?
8. How does Paul's statement, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" reflect his sense of calling and urgency?

## APPLICATION

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1. How can Paul's decision to forgo his rights inspire us in our own service and sacrifice for the gospel? What personal "rights" or privileges might God be asking you to set aside to better serve others in your life?
2. How does Paul's example challenge you to think about the motivations behind your own service and ministry? How might you cultivate a sense of urgency and purpose like Paul's in sharing the gospel with those around you?

