

Sermon Discussion Guide
October 20, 2024
1 Corinthians 9:19-27



Read the sermon text (1 Corinthians 9:19-27) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...

The Church: Serving in a Broken World
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Sermon Outline

The Goal: Do you have a clear goal in mind? (1 Cor 9:19-23)
Paul made himself a servant to all (1 Cor 9:19)
His goal was for unbelievers to be saved (1 Cor 9:20-23)

The Prize: - Has God offered any kind of reward or motivation? (1 Cor 9:24-25)
Paul speaks of running to win a prize (1 Cor 9:24)
All worldly prizes perish (1 Cor 9:25)
Jesus spoke of a reward (Matt 25:14-23)
Paul spoke of judgment and rewards (1 Cor 3:11-14)
Rewards will be laid at Christ's feet (Rev 4:9-10)
Christ's servant mindset was our greatest example (Phil 2:5-8)
Part of Christ's motivation was our salvation (Heb 12:1-2)
Also see (2 Cor 5:14; 2 Cor 5:21; Is 53:5; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Pet 3:18; Rom 5:8; Matt 20:28)

The Training: - Long before an event, athletes get in shape (1 Cor 9:26-27)
Believers should not be aimless in their training (1 Cor 9:26)
There is no substitute for Time Alone with God
Believers should live to honor the Judge (1 Cor 9:27)

Application:
Ask Jesus to help you Love the way He loves
Ask Jesus to help you Sacrifice the way He sacrificed
Ask Jesus to help you Serve the way He served

Sermon Discussion questions

After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, **select the questions that will best help you frame the group’s discussion** of this sermon and sermon text. Don’t feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.

Prime the Pump:

1. What was the worst experience you ever had with a waiter or waitress?
2. Did you ever wait tables? What was your favorite and least favorite thing about that job?

The Goal:

3. When you think of being a servant, what do you picture?
4. Paul made himself a servant to all (1 Cor 9:19) What did he do specifically? What can YOU do to become a servant to all?
5. Read (1 Cor 9:20-23). Why should we be servants? How does this affect the kingdom?

The Prize:

6. Read (1 Cor 9:24-25). What do you picture when you think of rewards in Heaven?
7. What does the Lord put on your heart when you read the Parable of the 10 Talents? (Matt 25:14-23)
8. How do you feel when you think of laying rewards down at Christ’s feet? (Rev 4:9-10)
9. What are some specific ways Christ was willing to serve? (Phil 2:5-8)
10. What thoughts come to your mind when you read these verses? (Heb 12:1-2; 2 Cor 5:14; 2 Cor 5:21; Is 53:5; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Pet 3:18; Rom 5:8; Matt 20:28)

The Training

11. Read (1 Cor 9:26,27). What are some spiritual exercises you do in order to stay spiritually fit?
12. Why do you think God wanted you to hear this sermon