

1 CORINTHIANS

Where Can Christians Find Joy? - 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 |

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TALK IT OVER

KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Ephesians 2:10

Acts 6:2-3

Acts 13:1-3

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is the method you use when reading/studying the Bible?

START THINKING. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What are some ways that believers can discover their Christian calling/purpose?

START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

- **Carefully read Ephesians 2:10 and 1 Corinthians 9:7-12**
- What are some reasons people get skeptical about paying pastors and ministry leaders, and how can ministry leaders show integrity and accountability this area?
- How does Paul avoid this whole situation, and how does this display his sense of priorities?
- What things keep Christians from joining in ministry though we've all been called to it?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 9:13-18**
- Why is it so noteworthy that Paul refuses to be paid, and what does this teach us about how he views the relationship between his finances and his personal joy?
- Paul's reward was to preach the gospel freely. In what ways is serving God its own reward?
- What allows Christians to find great joy in serving in the roles God calls them to?
- **Read Acts 6:2-3 and Acts 13:1-3**
- How did God use the local church to affirm the first deacons, Barnabas, and Saul?
- What role might the local church play now in helping Christians recognize their calling?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray for those who are searching for the ministry God has called them to that they might be able to hear clearly and respond faithfully.

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-27

Helping people find & follow Jesus.