

QUESTIONS

Day 1: Review

1. How did the commentary notes, questions, or scripture help you last week?

2. What is something that challenged you from the lecture?

Day 2: Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-6, Acts 9:15 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

Note: The term apostle in the general sense means “one sent by God.” The more specific application of the term apostle refers to one having been personally called and commissioned by the risen Jesus Christ.

3. **Thought Question:** Paul asks 4 questions of the Church in Corinth in verse 1. What is on the heart of Paul when asking these questions? What seems to be concerning him?

4. From verse 2, did Paul consider himself an apostle of Jesus Christ? Give the reason for your answer.

5. **Thought Question:** Paul opened 9 of his New Testament epistles (letters) stating he was an apostle of Jesus Christ. Why was this so important to Paul? (Use Acts 9:15 to help with your answer.)

6. **Thought Question:** What rights of apostleship is Paul defending in verses 3-6?

7. **Personal Question:** How might you apply the verses from today's lesson?

Day 3: Read 1 Corinthians 9:7-12 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

8. In verse 7, Paul uses three illustrations making comparisons. List the different people, what they are due, and why they are due it.

A. Illustration #1 –

B. Illustration #2 –

C. Illustration #3 –

9. In verses 8-10, on what is Paul basing his defense?

10. **Personal Question:** How might you show support of those you know who are engaged in full time Gospel ministry?

11. In the latter part of verse 12, Paul refuses financial support from the Corinthian Church. Why does he not exercise his God granted right?

Day 4: Read 1 Corinthians 9:13-18 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. In verses 13-14, what is the illustration Paul uses and why?

13. Using today's verses, what is Paul's motivation for preaching the Gospel?

14. **Thought Question:** In verse 16, Paul says he was “compelled” to preach the Gospel. What do you think he meant by that term?

15. In verse 18, what was Paul's conclusion about this matter of his right to receive support from the Corinthian Church?

16. **Personal Question:** When have you felt compelled to give up your rights for the sake of the Gospel? Explain.

Day 5: Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

17. In verses 19-22, what does Paul do to win others to Christ?

18. List ways in which Paul states athletic competition is comparable to ministry work.

19. **Personal Question:** Is there any area of your ministry life that could use greater focus, discipline, or perseverance? Be specific.

Day 6: Reread 1 Corinthians 9 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

20. What was something new you learned from studying chapter 9 this week?

21. What was your main take away from chapter 9?

22. How will you apply something you learned from studying chapter 9?