

1 Corinthians study  
Fall 2020  
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**Week 4 study guide “Beyond Ourselves”  
1 Corinthians 9-11.**

Read through chapters 9-11. Underline verses that stand out. Jot down questions you have.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:3-6. What rights did Paul expect with his office of Apostle?

We also feel entitled to certain privileges associated with our location, job, or role. What are some things you expect as basic rights- either from your employee, the government, your spouse, etc?

Read 1 Corinthians 9:15-23 and answer the following questions:  
Why did Paul say he preached the Gospel? (v 16)

What did Paul claim was his pay? (v 18)

Why did Paul say he had become a slave? (v 19)

Even though he was free, Paul gave up all of his rights and became a slave in order to help people come to know Christ. What things have you given up, or what personal inconveniences have you chosen, in order to share God's message with others- through words and/or service?

Is there something that you have hold onto as a "right" that the Lord wants you to give up?

What did Paul claim to do in 1 Corinthians 9:22-23?

What are some practical ways you can look for common ground with someone you know who does not follow Christ?

Think of two people you know who do not follow Christ, and spend a few minutes praying for them right now. What is one way you can reach out to them this week to show your sincere love for them?

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and summarize what Paul said.

What will last forever, remaining throughout eternity? What are some things that are only temporary?

**Eternal**

**Temporary**

What spiritual disciplines do you regularly practice to stay strong spiritually? How have these spiritual disciplines impacted you spiritually during these last 7 months of the pandemic?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. What story from biblical history did Paul reference?

Why do you think Paul wanted the Corinthian believers to remember this particular account?

Are there cautions you need to heed in your own life related to immorality, idolatry, or a complaining spirit?

Immorality

Idolatry

A complaining spirit

Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13. What reasons did Paul give for this history lesson? (v 6, 11)

What is your list of things that you can't handle without God's help?

What are some preferences or gray areas on which Christians have different views?

Is there a situation in your life right now where you do not know what to do in this specific gray area?

Apply these two questions from our study as you make your decision:  
What will glorify the Lord in this situation?

How will this decision benefit or offend others?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 and write below any questions or comments that these verses bring to mind.

Read Luke 22:14-20. According to verse 19, why did Jesus say we should take the cup and the bread?

Now read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. What problems were occurring in the Corinthian church regarding communion?

How would you describe the heart problem that these symptoms reveal?

What two things did Paul encourage the believers to do? (v 28, 33)

How do these words from God's Word challenge you in your attitude toward communion?

How can you live beyond yourself this week? This month? Is there a new practice you can adopt or a habit you can give up?

Continue to read 1 Corinthians this week and ask God to use Scripture to make you more and more into the image and likeness of God's son Jesus Christ. I will see you next week!

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Don't forget our gathering in the commons of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evenings October 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm. Wear your mask.