

Foregoing Rights for the Sake of the Gospel
1 Corinthians 9:12b-18
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1. How the apostle Paul forewent his rights for the sake of the gospel (12b-15a)

2. What drove the apostle Paul in his evangelism (15b-18)

Next week: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What is the gospel? What is evangelism?
3. What right did the apostle Paul refuse to use?
4. Paul said, “Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!” (verse 16). What does this mean?
5. What are some reasons why Christians should evangelize?
6. Do you understand and believe the gospel? What is the evidence that you believe?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Paul talks in this passage about his boasting. In what did he boast?
3. In verse 16, what does it mean that necessity was laid upon Paul to preach the gospel?
4. What is the stewardship with which Paul was entrusted (verse 17)? Why is it called a stewardship?
5. What did Paul view as his reward for preaching the gospel (verse 18)? What does this mean?
6. How does this passage relate to our lives as Christians?
7. Are you willing to forego personal rights for the sake of the gospel? Explain. What is the evidence of this in your life?
8. Are you driven to evangelize? Explain. If so, what drives you? If not, does this concern you?
9. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?