

1 Corinthians

*A love affair
with problems*



Life Group Notes – Week Ten

Icebreaker: When was the last time you gave something up for someone else?

- Paul asks in verse 1 “Am I not an apostle?” What is an apostle? Do apostles still exist today?
- What does Paul mean when he states “you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord”?
- What ‘rights’ did Paul list in verses 3-6? How does this connect to chapter 8?
- What principle do the three examples given in verse 7 illustrate?
- What point is Paul making in verse 12? How might receiving financial support hinder the gospel?
- In verse 14 Paul uses Jesus’ instructions to his disciples (Matthew 10:9-10, Luke 10:5-7) in support of apostles receiving a wage. In light of this, should Paul have requested financial support from the believers in Corinth? What was his attitude towards financial gifts (1 Philippians 4:14-17)?
- How did Paul obtain financial income (Acts 18:1-3)? Should modern-day preachers follow Paul’s example?
- What ‘boast’ is Paul talking about in verse 15 (look again at verse 16 before answering)? Is Paul being prideful?
- Why was it so important for Paul to offer the gospel “free of charge” (verse 18)?
- Think about verse 19; in what ways was Paul ‘free’ and in what ways did he make himself a ‘slave’ (use examples if you can)?
- Why do you think Paul specifically mentions the ‘weak’ in verse 22 (particularly in the light of chapter 8)?
- What was Paul’s motivation (see verse 23)? How might we apply this today?
- Why does Paul finish this chapter talking about self-discipline?
- In what ways should Christians be like athletes?
- Look at verse 27, what was Paul’s fear?