

1 CORINTHIANS

gospel formed disciples



OVERVIEW FOR PART 5: GOSPEL FORMED DISCIPLES

This final section of 1 Corinthians will grab all of the verses we haven't yet covered in this series. In GOSPEL FORMED DISCIPLESHIP, Paul discusses the shape of Sunday services, how we use our spiritual gifts, and how all of us can share God's love through evangelism

PART 6: WEEK THREE - ANY MEANS NECESSARY

Read the text: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Paul is absolutely committed to doing whatever it takes to insure as many people as possible have the opportunity to come to faith in Jesus. Paul is willing to give up his personal rights and agenda in order to see as many people as possible come to faith in Jesus. Being a witness brings blessings to our life, but **you will not experience the blessings of the gospel if you refuse to work out the implications of the gospel in your life and relationships**. This is part of why being a servant and a witness are two of the key identities we embrace as Christians here at Doxa.

1. Tell your group a 3-5 minute version of the story of how you came to faith. (Set a timer!)

2. The Eastside has a strong culture of strength and achievement. Why is the Kingdom value of admitting weakness hard to live out in this context? Be specific for yourself. When is the last time you were willing to be honest about your weakness?

3. Paul makes the case that he will willingly add or subtract things from his life for the sake of others knowing Christ. What is God asking you to add or subtract for mission in your life? What is the first step you can take this week towards this?

Examples:

-adding an activity or volunteering role to connect with others

-adding an intentional meal with co-workers

-adding time with family to share Jesus with them

-subtracting an extra curricular activity or current commitment to have margin for others

-subtracting some "alone time/free evenings" to befriend someone