

### **LEADERS**

If things begin changing regarding social distancing measures, you will be among the first to know from church leadership of any potential changes in how that impacts group gatherings of Doxa.

### **LEARN**

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-14 together. What stands out in the text or from the sermon that was helpful, encouraging, or challenging?

What does the context of 1 Corinthians 8 have to do with Paul's argument/example being made in these verses?

(Paul is taking this principle of limiting one's liberty out of love and applying it to his situation. He had every right to expect payment for his ministerial work but had lovingly laid it aside.)

What is the logic of the natural jobs mentioned in v. 6-7 and how is that an illustration for paying pastors/workers in a church?

(In many jobs, the pay comes directly from the work itself. Additionally, it ought to provide sustenance for one's family. The principle is partaking of a portion of what is produced by the work.)

Why is it important that Paul draws a direct correlation to the Old Testament in v. 13-14?

(Ex.: This shows unity of OT and NT, direct application to this situation from an OT principle. "In the same way" is a strong, direct correlation of paying church staff. This is an indirect but clear mention of the principle of tithing.)

### **PRACTICE**

How does this passage make you think about generosity to churches/pastors?

(Ideas: Those laboring for spiritual growth of the church ought to have compensation in tangible ways with a fair wage for the work. Church as a whole responsible to ensure this.)

How does an attitude of stinginess or lack of personal generosity show a poor understanding of the gospel?

(Ideas: God's grace is abundant, lavishly given through Christ. God's heart is generous to his people. If the gospel doesn't produce various forms of generosity to others as we are able, we miss a clear implication of God's work in our lives.)

### **CHANGE**

How are you seeing God's abundantly generous grace in your life lately? How would it change you to dwell upon that grace more regularly?

(Ideas: More consistent gratitude both to God and others, worship would feel more natural if we knew the depths and completeness of God's forgiving grace to us in Christ.)