

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...”

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Personal leadership is taking responsibility to follow Christ and to help others follow Him.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

1. There are things that are permissible but not helpful (v 10:23). What kinds of choices in life fall into the category of “permissible but not beneficial”? When you evaluate your daily habits or entertainment choices, do you tend to ask "Is this wrong?" or "Is this helpful?" What is the difference between the two questions?
2. In the Greco-Roman world, seeking one's own honor was a virtue. Paul flips the script, sharing that the believer's primary drive should be the good of others (v 10:24). In what situations do you tend to put yourself first? Do you experience any emotional joy or drain when regularly thinking of others before yourself? How could a lifestyle that consistently looks out for others point people toward Jesus?
3. Paul explains that because "the earth is the Lord's," believers can confidently engage in the secular marketplace (like buying meat) without fear of spiritual contamination (v 10:25). Leadership is recognizing that you aren't "trespassing" when you bring the gospel into secular spaces; you are standing



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on your Father's ground as a rightful steward. In which spaces do you feel the most hesitant to lead for Christ? How does the truth that Christ owns that "market" change your confidence to initiate a gospel conversation there?

4. Paul encourages believers to consider another person's conscience, even when something is permissible (vv 10:28-29). Leadership requires a high level of social and spiritual "situational awareness." It means being willing to change our behavior in the moment because we care more about a person's soul than our own freedoms. Why is it hard to adjust our preferences or freedoms for someone else's sake? How does this kind of awareness of others reflect important aspects of leadership?
5. Paul does not pass responsibility to others; he personally lives with intentionality for the sake of others (v 10:33). Where are you tempted to rely on pastors, leaders, or programs to do what God may be calling you to do personally? Why do you think it's easy to "punt" spiritual responsibility to others? What is one area of your life where you sense God saying, "This is yours to lead"?
6. The summary of Paul's leadership philosophy is "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" (v 11:1). Why is it helpful to have someone model the faith for us? What aspects of faith have you seen modeled well, and who modeled it? When a believer takes ownership of their faith by being an imitator of Christ, how does that expand the influence of Christ?
7. Some people can operate with a mindset that they first must be perfect before asking others to follow with them in their pursuit of Christ. What do you think is the heart of this mentality? Why is this worldview always going to prevent them from inviting others to follow Christ together? How might this mindset change if you saw yourself as someone God wants to use to lead others toward Him?
8. Paul shares that the Corinthians can follow his example because he is following Christ (v 11:1). Have you ever invited someone into your life where you could serve as an example to them? If so, what did that look like? If not, what has prevented you from inviting someone into that kind of relationship?



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