

Week of December 1, 2024 - Everything is Yours | Small Group Lesson 9

Connect

Do you remember when you first owned something significant to you? Perhaps it was something you were borrowing or renting, but now you own your own? It could have been a bicycle, car, or home. Or perhaps it was a bit smaller, like a phone, jacket, or your first Bible. How did you treat it at first? As time went on, did you still feel worried or concerned if it got a little damaged by accident or through normal wear and tear? Why is that?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 (CSB)

Read aloud:

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a fool so that he can become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, since it is written, He catches the wise in their craftiness; 20 and again, The Lord knows that the reasonings of the wise are futile. 21 So let no one boast in human leaders, for everything is yours — 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come — everything is yours, 23 and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What does Paul mean when he says, "Let no one deceive himself"? How can we be deceived about our own spiritual growth? (v.18)
2. What are some examples of how the "wisdom of this world" can occur in our lives and in the church, and how should we identify and reject these worldly influences? (vv.19-20)
3. In what way is everything “ours,” that is, the believers? How does this relate to belonging to Christ? (v.22-23, see Ephesians 1:11-12) Any other verses that are related come to mind?

Share

Discuss this Bible verse from this week’s message:
Pastor Takeshi shared Romans 8:28-30.

Can you recall anything you experienced that did not seem to be working in your favor but later turned into something the Lord used to your benefit? What was it, how did things change, and how did it work out?

Discuss:
How does the truth that "everything is yours" in Christ change the way you view your circumstances (e.g., job, relationships, challenges)?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.