

Week of March 16, 2025 - Remain in Your Situation | Small Group Lesson 18

Connect

Share one thing you find challenging about having to wait. It could be anything, big or small.

Verses - 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 (CSB)

Read aloud:

17 Let each one live his life in the situation the Lord assigned when God called him. This is what I command in all the churches. 18 Was anyone already circumcised when he was called? He should not undo his circumcision. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? He should not get circumcised. 19 Circumcision does not matter and uncircumcision does not matter. Keeping God's commands is what matters. 20 Let each of you remain in the situation in which he was called. 21 Were you called while a slave? Don't let it concern you. But if you can become free, by all means take the opportunity. 22 For he who is called by the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called as a free man is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of people. 24 Brothers and sisters, each person is to remain with God in the situation in which he was called.

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 by “let each one live his life in the situation the Lord assigned”? What two situations does Paul address this in the following verses?

2. In v.21 Paul suggests that one should still take the opportunity to be free. Why would he say this following v.17? What is the goal of taking such freedom? (v.20, 23)

3. What does Paul mean by “he who is called by the Lord as a slave is the Lord’s freedman”? In what ways is the slave free in Christ?

Share

Discuss 1:
In the message, Pastor Takeshi emphasizes how we are not to as slaves of people, rather be slaves of God. How does this enable us to be free in Christ rather than a slave of the world?

Discuss 2:
How can you shift your focus from changing your circumstances—to allowing God to change you? How would this help you find purpose and joy in your current situation, even if it's difficult?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.