

Week of May 25, 2025 - For the Glory of God

Small Group Lesson 23

Connect

Do you think it is important to still do something right, even if no one would ever know if you didn't? Have you ever had this experience? What did you do?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1 (CSB)

Read aloud:

14 So then, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. 15 I am speaking as to sensible people. Judge for yourselves what I am saying. 16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, since all of us share the one bread. 18 Consider the people of Israel. Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? 19 What am I saying then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, but I do say that what they sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons! 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot share in the Lord's table and the table of demons. 22 Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? 23"Everything is permissible," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible," but not everything builds up. 24 No one is to seek his own good, but the good of the other person. 25 Eat everything that is sold in the meat market, without raising questions for the sake of conscience, 26 since the earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it. 27 If any of the unbelievers invites you over and you want to go, eat everything that is set before you, without raising questions for the sake of conscience. 28 But if someone says to you, "This is food from a sacrifice," do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience. 29 I do not mean your own conscience, but the other person's. For why is my freedom judged by another person's conscience? 30 If I partake with thanksgiving, why am I criticized because of something for which I give thanks? 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 32 Give no offense to Jews or Greeks or the church of God, 33 just as I also try to please everyone in everything, not seeking my own benefit, but the benefit of many, so that they may be saved. 1 Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ.

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

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What important thing does Paul tell them to run away from (flee from)?

2. V.16 says we share in something special with Christ. What is it we are sharing in? The people become like "one body" in v.17. What do you think this means?

3. Paul says "everything is permissible." What are some of the guidelines Paul gives in vv.23-28?

4. In everything we do, what is our goal? (v.31) How does this help us live?

Share

Discuss 1:
In an illustration, Pastor Takeshi shared when he was learning to ski, he didn't try to copy the amazing professional skiers because their skills were beyond him. How is this informative as to why Paul said to imitate him? While we are not perfect, why is it helpful to still guide others by example in the faith?

Discuss 2:
v.31 says we should do everything 'for the glory of God.' In your own words, what do you think it means to do something 'for God's glory' in our normal daily activities? Can you think of one small example?"

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.