

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Destination Sticker” 1 Corinthians 9:22-27 May 19, 2018

Getting Started

The mission is clear! To be Winsome is to win some to Jesus through “Irresistible Influence”. The motivation to live this mission may be lacking at times, but allow the manifestation of a “shared blessing” cause you to live in the wonder of not what is always gained, but what is given. Living “Winsome” is more than a decision, it is a direction, but most of it is a distinction.

As we seek to live lives that are attractive to others, we hope to see them embrace Jesus as Savior and Leader of their lives. However, verse 23 reminds us that there is something in this for us too: a blessing. What do you think that blessing could look like as you live out your faith in service to others?

Going Deeper

Key Verse: I do it all for the sake of the GOSPEL, that I may share with them in its blessings (1 Corinthians 9:23)

1. **The Review in living Winsome: “I do it” (Vs. 23)**

- **Care** about Context
- **Understand** before be Understood
- **Love** without Limits
- **Tethered** to Truth
- **Unfazed** by Unbelief
- **Resilient** in Ridicule
- **Eyes** on Eternity

Before we can reach anyone, we first have to understand them and their culture. Who are you presently trying to ‘understand’ and get to know so you can appropriately & respectfully share Christ with them?

2. **The Reason to be Winsome:** “*all for the sake of the gospel*” (Vs. 23)

- a. **The Because of:** Inclusion (2 Corinthians 8:9)
- b. **The Belief in:** Exclusion (Romans 1:16, Ephesians 4:12)

The gospel is the power of salvation for all who believe. Share with us how you have seen the ‘power’ of salvation and a changed life unleashed in you. What’s different about you since Jesus took over?

3. **The Regiment in staying Winsome:** “*that I may share*” (Vs. 23)

- a. **Clear Analogy:** “Running”- Course and “Boxing”- Challenger (Vs. 26)
- b. **Causes Admonition:** Discipline and Dedication (Vs. 27)
 - i. **Honor:** *Not demanding, but Delivering.* (Romans 12:10)
 - ii. **Humility:** *Not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.*
 - iii. **Hustle:** *Not just working hard, but knowing your work is holy.*
 - iv. **Hospitality:** *Not what you have, but what you offer.*
 - v. **High Capacity:** *Not just choosing to exist, but choosing to exceed expectations.*
- c. **Creates Alignment:**
 - i. **Graces my Words-** Honor
 - ii. **Guards my Heart-** Humility
 - iii. **Give my Best-** Hustle
 - iv. **Governs my Thoughts-** Hospitality
 - v. **Guides my Life-** High Capacity

Without credibility, we have nothing to say to anyone. Credibility comes from our character which is demonstrated as we live out our core values. Which of the five core values are you strongest in? Which one needs your attention? How can we pray for you and help you make these changes?

4. **The Reward for being Winsome:** *“with them in its blessings.*
(Vs. 23)

- a. **Discovered Purpose:** To Be a Blessing, you first must know you are a Blessing, thus leading you to bring a Blessing.
- b. **Divine Partnership:** Proverbs 11:25: *“Whoever brings a blessing will be enriched”*

What lies or voices are you listening to that are keeping you from seeing yourself as a blessing?

What does God’s word say to you that is true and contradictory to these lies?

(Before answering this next question, use your phone to listen to the song, ‘Dream Small’ by Josh Wilson)

What are some practical ways you can bring a blessing to others?

Take Away: The Importance of this Message Series on being *WINSOME* is found in verse 27 within the framework of the word “disqualified”. We spend years building a testimony, but in seconds it can be destroyed. Remember DAILY G3 - GRIT/GRIND/GLORY

Prayer Requests