

Complete these question BEFORE your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.

1 Corinthians 9:1-23 Free to be a slave!

TO PONDER:

When do you find yourself wanting to claim your rights?

When do you find yourself wanting to claim your rights within our church family?

Paul continues his response to the Corinthians questions about eating food sacrificed to idols. This chapter might appear to be a diversion, but...

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-12a

Paul defends his ministry against those who sit in judgement on him.

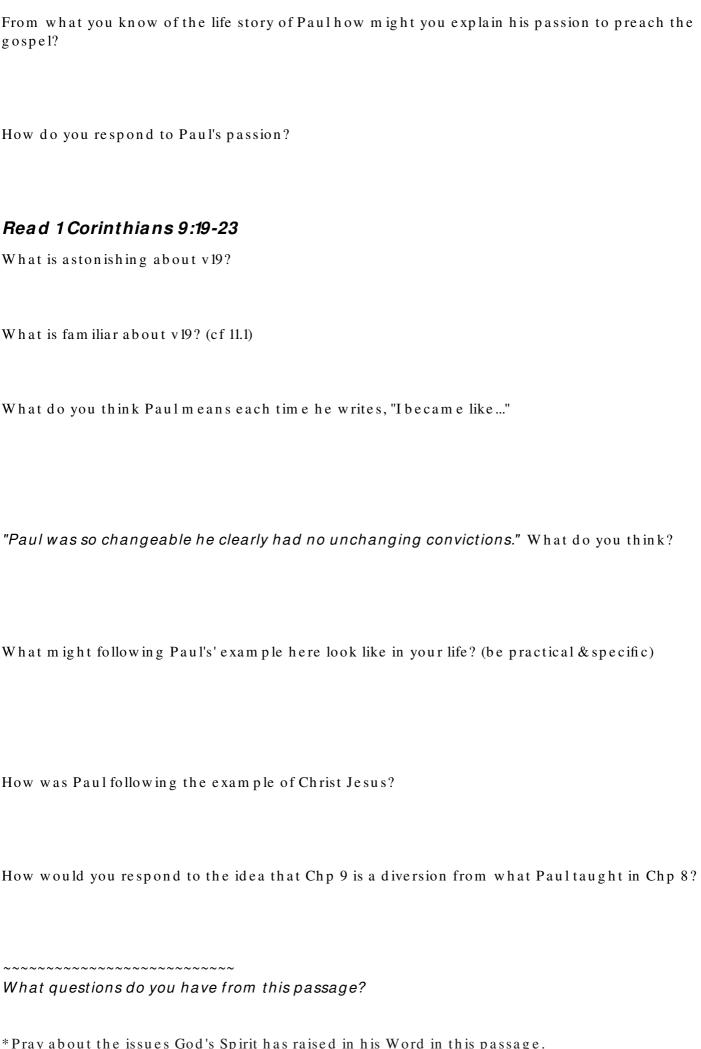
Put in your own words the criticisms that might have been levelled against Paul.

Put in your own words Paul's defence of his ministry.

What lessons are there for us in these verses?

Read 1 Corinthians 9:12b-18

How are these verses surprising?



*Pray about the issues God's Spirit has raised in his Word in this passage.