

What Really Matters?

1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Week of July 16, 2023

BELONG

Ask this Ice Breaker Question: What are you currently the most passionate about in your season of life? Film? Music? Television? Outdoor activities? Family? Trips?

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:

- 1. Paul sees the Christian as a race and challenges believers to “run in such a way to win the prize. What do you think Paul means by this analogy?**
- 2. In contrast to being prize-focused, Paul begs us to not live the Christian life aimlessly. Has there been a time when you have felt aimless in your Christian life? Is there an aspect of your Christian life where you feel a bit aimless?**
- 3. As with the food sacrificed to idols, Paul reinforces that part of the Christian life is going to require discipline.**
 - a. This may include safeguarding discipline - abstaining from certain cultural practices.**
 - b. This may also include constructive discipline - adding prayer, small group time, and Bible study to your life.**

In what ways are you practicing safeguarding discipline and constructive discipline right now?

BECOME:

Practice: Spend some time together praying for one another. Specifically, pray for encouragement and accountability to keep pursuing your disciplines together for the prize of knowing Jesus.