

## Let's Talk: Day 155

Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 7 / Family Focus: verses 20-24

Paul is writing to several different kinds of people in 1 Corinthians. Think about all the people you know. How are your friends different from each other? What do you like about their differences?

Questions:

1. What are the two groups of people that Paul is talking to in this passage? What does he tell both of them? Why?
2. As Christians, how can servants be free and freemen be servants?
3. How can we sometimes act like servants of men? Why shouldn't we?
4. How do we stay where we are called? Where has God called you to be?

## Let's Talk: Day 156

Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 8 / Family Focus: verses 1-3, 9-13

We live in the Information Age where the average person receives 174 newspaper's worth of information per day (The Telegraph; May 8, 2012). What is one of the coolest facts you remember? What would you like to learn more about?

Questions:

1. What can just having knowledge do to you? What does love do?
2. What does verse two mean to you? Do you know anyone that is a "know it all"? Do you like hanging around them? Why or why not?
3. How do you know if someone loves God?
4. In verses 9-13, Paul shows his love for people over his knowledge that eating meat offered to idols is fine. He doesn't want people less strong in the faith to stumble. When a friend comes over to your house and has different rules, what do you do? Are you a "know it all" or are you loving?

## Let's Talk: Day 157

Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 9 / Family Focus: verses 22-27

Who is your sports hero? What have they accomplished? What do you know about their work or practice ethic? In today's reading, Paul relates his passion to follow Christ to the dedication of an accomplished athlete.

Questions:

1. Would you say Paul is a flexible guy? Why or why not (verses 22-23)?
2. Verse 22 says: "I am made all things to all men that I might save some." That sounds like it doesn't always come naturally. How might God ask you to adapt or try things that don't come naturally, so that you might have an opportunity to share Jesus?
3. What does Paul compare the Christian life to? What is he trying to win?
4. What kind of discipline do you need in your life to run a good race for Jesus? How are you making progress in this area?

## Let's Talk: Day 158

Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 10 / Family Focus: verses 1-7

Today's reading refers to several Old Testament examples. Share your favorite Old Testament story. What do you think Abraham, Moses and David might talk about if they were in a room together?

Questions:

1. What is one of the Old Testament events Paul refers to in this passage?
2. Why was the Old Testament written?
3. What would an idolater look like in our present time and location?
4. God desires us to put Him number one in our life all the time. What tries to take the number one spot in your life instead of God (Hint: where do you spend most of your time and/or money?)

## Let's Talk: Day 159

Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 11 / Family Focus: verses 23-33

In the Old Testament God gave the command for Jewish parents to teach their kids about Passover so they could remember God's deliverance. In the same way, New Testament parents get the honor of teaching their children about the significance of the Last Supper. You may want to have bread and grape juice on the table as illustrations.

Questions:

1. What do we eat in remembrance of Jesus? What does that picture?
2. What do we drink in remembrance of Jesus? What does that picture?
3. Why do we keep doing this even now, 2000 years later?
4. When he is giving these instructions, Paul is writing to Christians. What should we do before we eat or drink this Last Supper meal? Why? (Context to this problem is in verse 21)

## Let's Talk: Day 160

Today's Reading: Exodus 32 / Family Focus: verses 1-8

Have you ever had to wait for someone for a very long time? What was that like? Did you get tempted to stop waiting and leave? Today's reading was referenced in 1 Corinthians 10 on Day 159, about the bad choice Israel made, after they stopped waiting for Moses.

Questions:

1. What did Aaron tell the people to give him? What did he do with it?
2. What did the people do to Aaron's creation? How did they start acting?
3. Why do you think the people did this? If you were one of the Israelites in the camp, what could you have said? Would you?
4. Have you ever gotten impatient and made a bad choice? What happened? What should you have done?

## Let's Talk: Day 161

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Who are we not to become slaves to?

Take a look at the history of Paul's journeys. Look at an atlas and find Rome and Corinth. Look at all the other places he traveled. Imagine what it would be like to be Paul traveling around the different cities. What do you think he thought as he went to new cities? How did he feel as he left old cities where he had made friendships? Would you be willing to do as Paul did?