

Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 10: All for God's Glory

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Getting started: When have you struggled to know the best decision to make as a Christian?

Read vv. 1-13

1. What scene from Israel's history does Paul refer to as the chapter begins? (vv. 1-4) How does this connect to Paul's instruction about finishing the race at the end of the previous chapter (v. 5)?
2. What did those people share in common during their time in the wilderness? With what specific sin problems did they struggle? What can we gain from their example? (vv. 4-11)
3. What sin implied in verse 12 makes a person prone to fall? Name some temptations common to man. What protections does God promise against those temptations? (vv. 12-13)

Read vv. 14-24

4. What communion do believers share? (v. 15-20) How does eating things sacrificed to idols threaten that? What would have been the easiest way to avoid conflict between Christians with regard to eating in Paul's day? (vv. 15-20)

5. How does Paul's argument in chapter 9 of not using his right to collect a salary as a minister bolster his argument against eating here? Name some permissible things among Christians today that might hinder the gospel.

6. Why is a lawful thing not always the best thing? (v. 23) What governing principle does Paul say should end disputes between Christians? (v. 24)

Read vv. 25-33

7. A Christian may eat with thanks and still be guilty before God if he fails in what way (vv. 30-31)? What does it mean to give glory to God? Name a scenario or two in which Christians might disagree on how to glorify God. What should happen if they disagree?
8. What three parties does Paul say that Corinthians Christians should look out for when deciding their next course of action (v. 32-33)? What principle found earlier in the chapter do these verses reinforce? Why should we be concerned about another believer's welfare (vv. 2-4, 16-17)
9. Based on the principles in this chapter, why is moving to another church not the best course of action when believers disagree on debatable matters?