

## RUNNING THE RACE

1 Corinthians 9.24-27

### THE ENDURANCE TO FINISH THE RACE

Paul implored the church to enter into the race of lifestyle evangelism; becoming all things to all people. But he did not do so flippantly. He knows that it is not easy; it is dangerous, even.

**Everyone Runs:** Every Christian is in the race. We are all evangelizing, whether we know it or not, and whether we are doing a good job or not. Not everyone crosses the finish line. Some lose their fire and blend into the world. Some retreat into their comfort.

**Self-Control, Don't Run Aimlessly, Don't Box as One Beating the Air:** We are not to go undisciplined, undisciplined, unprepared, ignorant, flippantly, arrogantly, or naively.

### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Luke 10.25-37 // Luke 7.31-35

Jesus flips the lawyer's question on him. Rather than ask "who is my neighbor," we ought to be asking, "am I being a neighbor?" The Samaritan undoubtedly faced opposition, accusation, and charges of disloyalty towards his own people. He chose to be a neighbor before being a Samaritan.

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### RISKY, HUMBLING, DYING TO SELF

We must see this world and our role in it for what it is: we are slaves of Christ, and this world is not our own. Yes, we are citizens of an earthly country, residents of earthly cities, but we are first and foremost strangers, guests, pilgrims in this world, because our eternal citizenship is in heaven.

Romans 8.3

Jesus entered into the world around us, making God Himself more easily able to dialogue with us from a place of understanding and empathy. He could have pronounced judgment upon the flesh from afar, but by becoming flesh, He encountered, in a real way, the treachery of a fallen world. He was then able to relate with us and to us in a way that we would connect to and understand.

When we enter into the world around us, we are more easily able to dialogue with others from a place of true understanding and empathy. We could pronounce judgment upon the world from afar, but by becoming all things to all men, we encounter, in a real way, the treachery of their fallen world. We are then able to relate with others and they to us in a way that they could connect and understand the Gospel.

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Matthew 26:41**

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 9.19-23**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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How does seeing the context of this passage in light of “becoming all things to all people” change how you may have previously seen it?

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**This week we will skip straight to the last question that is in every week’s CGHW.** As a group, though you will very rarely, if ever, get through all the questions each week, always make it a point to spend a few minutes on this final question, especially before closing in prayer.

### Your Life Mission

What relationships have been on your mind that you need to learn how to “become as them, that you might win them?” What do need wisdom for so that you can run the race with a plan, endure, and not fall out of the race?

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What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

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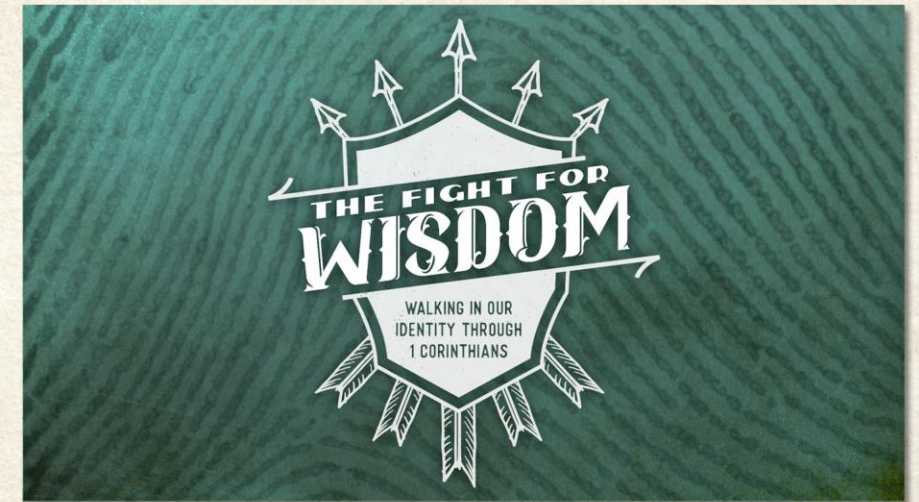
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God’s sovereignty and plan for your life.



# LIFE MISSION

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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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