



Sermon Discussion Guide




How Then Shall We Live: Run, Beloved, Run

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Have you ever taken a difficult and/or dangerous journey?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

RUN HARD

- 3 *Unwavering purpose.* Paul said, "Don't run after that which is perishable." Jesus said, "Don't store up treasures on earth." How do people run after the perishable and store up treasures on earth?
- 4 How do you want to spend your one, God-given life? How do you know if that decision is worthy?

- 5 *Tenacious discipline.* Discuss the following: “The Christian life is not an orgy of self-gratification.” What is the “core” of Christianity that we must exercise?
- 6 What was the point of the illustration about Pearl Harbor. Do you agree with Ray that North American Christians are flabby?

RUN AWARE

- 7 How is the story of Israel in the wilderness meant to function like a wrecked car at the intersection of 44 and 491?
- 8 Can you lose your salvation? Did those who died in the wilderness lose their salvation?
- 9 Ray asked, “Where should you be more weary? Do you know your weakness? Where are you being seduced by the culture?”

RUN WISE

- 10 What were the three sub points that Ray mentioned as it pertains to running wise? Which one stood out to you the most, and why?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?