



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## Connect Group to Each Other

1. What has been your favorite moment or event from the Tokyo 2021 Olympics?
2. In your own spiritual training, what was an experience that really kicked your faith into gear?
3. If you have kids or grandkids, what experiences have you noticed really inspire their faith?

## Connect Group to God

In 1 Corinthians 9:22, Paul states: "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save others."

1. What does it mean to be "all things to all people"?
2. In what areas should Christians be willing to change in order to be "all things"?
3. In what areas would you not be willing to change?
4. Would you say that a desire to be "all things to all people" characterizes your life especially in your friendships with non-Christians?

## Apply the Teaching

In 1 Corinthians 9:22-27, Paul spoke generally about his entire spiritual life — he lived like an athlete in every area of it. In the context of this chapter, however, the more immediate reference of the analogy is the way Paul denied himself his rights for the sake of others. Self-denial in service to others is a difficult practice. Yet, Paul knew that it was necessary if he wanted to attain the prize of eternal life. If he, an apostle, was willing to make such sacrifices, the Corinthians should have been willing as well. They needed to run harder in their spiritual race by denying themselves for the sake of others.

1. How much effort do you put into being a Christian? Do you work as hard for the gospel as people training for the Olympics train to win a medal?
2. What kind of spiritual training do you wish more Christians were passionate about?
3. What will you do in the future to help others "win the prize" promised through the Gospel?

