

Going deeper

In 1 Corinthian 9, Paul talks about the sacrifices he is prepared to make for the sake of others in order to encourage the Corinthians to show love to one another in disputes such as that over food sacrificed to idols (cf. 8:1-3). In so doing he gives us an insight into his aims and focus for mission.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

5. What is Paul's main aim in life? How is this linked to love for others (cf. 1 Cor. 8:1-3)?

6. What sacrifices is Paul willing to make to achieve this aim?

7. How do athletes illustrate the need to be focussed on one key thing? In what way should we live like athletes?

8. How does Paul's focus challenge our attitude to God's work in life?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 8th October 2017**

Growth Team News

In many ways Sunday services are not enough to support us in our Christian life. We all need the mutual support of a smaller group of closer Christians. Growth Teams are a great place to find that. If you are not a member then please do consider giving one a go.

If there is not one at a time you can make or you are not sure about the Christian faith and want to look at the basics, then do consider joining one of our new Explore Teams. They've only had one week so far and new people are always welcome. See the notice sheet for details.



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

One Direction

Mark 1:29-39 (page 1003)

Space to take notes on the talk

A _____ Day

Jesus's _____:

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Starter question

- ❖ What things distract you from your more important tasks and aims in life?

Responding to the talk

1. What was the 'one thing' that you felt you needed to take away from this week's talk?
2. Read Mark 1:29-31
 - a. What about this miracle shows it was an instant healing?
 - b. Why does Jesus heal Peter's mother-in-law?
3. Read Mark 1:32-34
 - a. Jesus healed 'various diseases'. Skim through the gospels can you list all the different types of healing miracles Jesus performed?
 - b. What does this passage show us about Jesus's relationship to demons?
 - c. Why does Jesus stop the demons speaking? (cf. 1:23-26)
 - d. When can we really understand what it means for Jesus to be the Son of God? (cf. 15:39).
4. Read Mark 1:35-39
 - a. What is surprising about what Jesus does in verse 35?
 - b. Why does Jesus make space to pray at this point?
 - c. What do Simon and his friends want from Jesus?
 - d. What is Jesus trying to achieve at this stage of his ministry?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. A non-Christian friend asks you, 'What is so special about Jesus?' How might this passage help answer that question?
10. What steps do we need to take to ensure that we aren't distracted from what God wants us to do?