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1 Corinthians 9v1-14

Sunday October 8th 2017

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● **In very nature God...**

● **...became nothing**

● **The voice of our age—'It's my right'**

● **Paul and the need to apologise? (v1-6)**

● **To those of us who aren't apostles**

● **The right to 'in-ministry benefits'**

⇒ **It's only fair (v7)**

⇒ **The Bible tells me so (v8-9)**

⇒ **Gospel blessing creates gospel blessing (v10-11)**

⇒ **Learn from history (v13)**

⇒ **Jesus demands it (v14)**

● **Deny myself my rights? ...but why?**

Conversation starter:

Which 'right' is the most important to you?

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Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

Don't forget it is prayer week folks. Could you come as a Growth group?

1. What 'rights' in our world do you hear being talked about the most? How important are they to you?
2. Read 9v1-14 together. See if you can summarise why Paul sees the need to defend himself. What is he 'defending'?
3. What does it mean that the Corinthians are the 'seal' of his apostleship?
4. Paul doesn't want to use his 'right of support' from the Corinthians. Why?
5. On Sunday we looked at Philippians 2v4-7. How is this modelled in Paul's behaviour?
6. How should these principles shape our behaviour?
7. Spend some time in quiet, reflecting on your personal 'material support' for God's ministry. If you want to share with others feel free, otherwise pray them through.

Pray for one another!