



## **WEEK TWELVE | TO WIN AS MANY AS POSSIBLE**

Passages like this one in chapter nine strongly challenge our modern ways of thinking about discipleship and commitment to Jesus. Not sure how to say this softly but it seems that “all-in” commitment like Paul’s is extremely rare. It’s difficult to even conceive of that kind of sacrificial and, frankly, unselfish life. Let the challenging discussion begin.

**What, in your life, would you be willing to make a significant sacrifice(s)?**

**What have you changed or given up in your life for the sake of Christ?**

### **TALK ABOUT IT**

Ok so that was a pretty heavy start to the discussion. I usually try to ease you into it. Guilt and shame are not what we are aiming for. We’re aiming for an “all-in” life while realizing that there is a prize we are running toward. We don’t all get there at the same time.

**Read 1 Corinthians 9:19–27.**

**What are some faith traditions or practices you cherish?**

**What are some that you have willingly or have had to give up? Why did you do it?**

Andy Stanley said, concerning our approach to following Jesus, “Marry the mission, date the methods.”

**What do you think he means?**

## **APPLY IT**

Maury Hills started as a church from a long-established tradition (denomination). Through a process of sacrifice and change, it has become a non-denominational church.

**How does being a non-denominational church open doors to reaching non-believers?**

**How could being a non-denominational church make it challenging for believers?**

**Read 1 Corinthians 9:23.**

**How is sacrificing what you want for the sake of Jesus or for others a blessing?**

**What does “running for the prize” look like in your life?**

## **P R A Y**

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.