

## Running with Purpose ... *1Corinthians 9*

*“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.” ...1Corinthians 9:24 (ESV)*

*“Lord, give me firmness without hardness, steadfastness without dogmatism, love without weakness.” ...Jim Elliot*

### 1. It Begins with a Decision and Commitment... *A New Mindset!*

- **1Corinthians 9:23**.... *Becoming a “Partaker”, a Team Member! No longer a “Spectator”!*

### 2. It Requires Discipline and Growth... *Action, Training, Strengthening, and Learning!*

- **1Corinthians 9:24-25**.... *Understanding your Role...*

- **James 1:22-25**.... *Be a Doer!*

### 3. Stepping onto the Field... *Putting Action to Belief!*

- **Acts 2, 3, 4**... *Peter the Disciple...Being the Man God created him to Be!*
- **Nehemiah 1-6**... *Nehemiah the Cupbearer...*Living in Obedience and Passion!**
- **Joshua 1:5-9**... *Joshua the Leader...*Living with Determination, Confidence, and Courage!**
- **1Corinthians 9:26-27, Ephesians 5:15-16**.... *You...*Running with Purpose...Called and Committed!**

### 4. Run to WIN... *Making Every Day Count!*

- **2Timothy 4:7**.... *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”*
- *Even when it's hard...*

## Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. Where do you stand in your Determination and Commitment to live as a "Partaker" of the life that God has for you, (rather than a "Spectator"), ...every single day when it comes to your choices, the way you live, and your relationship with the Lord Jesus?  
...Is living as a Man of God an every day thing for you...or just a Sundays and Holidays thing?
3. *This is about being equipped for "Running the Race"...* Describe the Disciplines and Training that are needed in your life to experience consistent growth and results in the way you live, the choices you make, and the way you reflect the Lord Jesus and His Word in your life...
  - How do these disciplines look in your daily life? ...*discuss with your Group!*
4. READ **James 1:22-25** together... Would you consider yourself a "Doer" or just a "Hearer", when it comes to living your life in alignment and obedience to God's Word...the Bible?
  - How is that reflected in your life, and in the relationships with your family and those close to you?
  - Is there anything that the Lord has been impressing upon your heart to step out and "DO"? ...*describe it!*
5. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life?  
**How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?**

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Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)