Suggested Questions for Doxa Church G2 Groups
1 Corinthians 9:1-18, "Our Rights and the Gospel," May 3, 2026, Kevin Stuhlmann

Main Point: For the sake of the gospel, we may be called on to give up our God-given rights.

1. What wrong attitudes and actions can arise from the intersection of money and ministry—for ministers, congregants, and unbelievers? Why is this so fraught with danger?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-18. Paul begins with a rhetorical question indicating that he is "free" (v. 1). In what ways was Paul free, both societally and in the gospel? In what ways are *we* free?

3. In verses 1-14, Kevin identified seven arguments Paul makes for the right of gospel workers to earn a living from the gospel. What are those arguments?

4. How should all this influence how we *should* and *should not* think about supporting church staff, missionaries, and other Christian workers/ministries?

5. In verses 12b and 15-18, what reasons does Paul give for not exercising his right for financial support from the Corinthians? Explain his thinking.

6. Paul had a unique calling from the Lord. Nevertheless, how can his attitude and motivation toward gospel ministry in verses 16-18 shape our own attitude and motivation toward our role in serving the Lord and participating in The Great Commission?

7. Why does Paul spend so much time establishing this right to earn a living from the gospel, only to emphatically declare how he waives this right?

8. Answer Kevin's application question from the end of the sermon: "What rights—real or imagined—do we (make it personal—*I*) exercise or cling to which might actually get in the way of the gospel?"

9. What other comments, questions, or personal applications do you have from this passage?