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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, grant us your resilience, conviction, and wisdom that can only be found in a deep, intimate relationship with you. We desperately need your guidance in living fruitful lives in the midst of the Digital Babylon that we face each day. Lord, make your face shine upon us and grant us your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Would you be able to live the rest of your life without the Internet or a smart device? Why or why not?

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WORD

¹⁵ But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. ¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

[1 CORINTHIANS 9:15-23](#)

David Kinnaman and Mark Matlock define DISCIPLESHIP as, “to develop Jesus followers who are resiliently faithful in the face of cultural coercion and who live a vibrant life in the Spirit.”

To develop a resiliency in discipleship, we must remember this equation:

REALISM + HOPE = RESILIENCE

We see this embodied in the apostle Paul as he recognises the reality of each situation God leads him in. He adapts whilst being able to share the hope found in the gospel that he lived out and preached.

As followers of Jesus, we, too, need to be aware of both the realism of the culture we are currently living in, and the hope that can only be found in Christ. To live fully in both, is to become the resilient disciple that God has called us to be.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = non-existent, 10 = consistent), how would you rate your hopefulness in all situations? Why do you rate it this way?
2. How do you determine how you should live your life? What role does God play, if at all? What role does culture or logic play? And what happens if God versus Culture don't agree in helping you determine how you should live?
3. Think about those who really know and love you. Do they hold the same convictions and values as you? Do they value God the way you do?
4. In one sentence, are you able to describe what you are called to do with your life?
5. If you think about your life, are you able to say it is being lived in a significant way? Why or why not? How do you propose this affects the way you will live the rest of your days?
6. What do you hope your legacy will be?

PRAYER LIST