1. **1 Corinthians 8:10-13**
* How could “your knowledge” lead a “weak person” to “destruction”?
* What does this say about how we live?
* What seems to be Paul’s main concern in these verses, paraphrase it for us as if we were a new Christian reading this for the first time?
* **Catechism 2284-2287**
* The section of the Catechism quoted above cites **1 Corinthians 8:10-13**, what connections do you see between Paul’s message and the **Catechism**, share a few points that stand out to you.
1. **1 Corinthians 9:1-2**
* Reflect on these two verses, what stands out to you?
* What do you think the purpose is of Paul stating he “may not be an apostle to others” but he “certainly” is for this community?
1. **1 Corinthians 9:3-6**
* What does Paul imply in **verse 3**.
* From what you have read what are some of the things others might be passing judgment on Paul about?
* **John 1:40-42, footnote 1:42**
* Who is Cephas?
* Paul told us he has remained unmarried thus far in **1st Corinthians**, but in **verse** 5 he mentions rhetorically does he not have the authority to take along a Christian wife (although many bibles translate it this way the word actually used is “*adelphaen gunaika*”, use google to look up the literal interpretation of these Greek words and share with the group what they actually mean).
* What might be the purpose of an unmarried Christian apostle bringing an “*adelphaen gunaika*”, with them while evangelizing others?
1. **1 Corinthians 9:7-12**
* Paul makes an odd comparison to a “soldier”, how is he similar to a soldier?
* **Catechism 1536 - 1538, 1 Timothy 5:17-18, Deuteronomy 25:4** (and the **footnote**)
* What is a presbyter?
* How is the presbyter ordained (what constitutes their ordination)?
* How much honor does the “presbyters” deserve?
* Is Paul a presbyter or something more, please explain?
* If an “ox” is muzzled while plowing the field what does it prevent it from doing?
* If the “ox” is prevented from doing this what will be the effect on its performance?
* How does this apply to Barnabas and Paul’s situation?
* Who might the “others” be who “share this rightful claim” on the community?
* What is Paul asserting here?
* In short, looking over this entire reading, explain what Paul is stating to the community in simple terms.
* Share something that was new to you in this study with the group.