**SCC SMALL GROUP**

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**Deep Intentionality**

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

**Getting Started:**

A. Share an instance in your life where you "won the prize."

B. What have you undertaken in your life that took training?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

A. Let's back up for a moment before we move forward into our passage––Read I Corinthians 9:16-18. What compels Paul to preach the gospel?

* In verses 19-23, what is Paul's missionary strategy? Why is this strategy successful? How does being ***"all things to all people"* (v 22)** free up Paul to be truly himself?

B. What are the "race" and the "prize" mentioned in v 24?

* Now Read Hebrews 12:1 and I Timothy 6:12. What else do these verses teach us about the above two words/images?

C. Read I Corinthians 9:25, What is Paul's exhortation to believers?

* Here Paul is taking about "being a disciplined" person. Make a list of "Spiritual Disciplines" a Christian could practice to be a "winner."
* Now read verse 27. What does this verse add?
* Check out some more:
* 2 Timothy 2:5
* James 1:12
* I Peter 5:4
* Revelation 2:10 & 3:11

D. Read I Corinthians 9:27, what do we learn about faith and life in this verse?

* Now read 2 Timothy 4:7-8.
* Google what "shadow-boxing" is if you don't know.
* Now read 2 Peter 1:5-8. What does Peter's statements add to our understand?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. Which point in Pastor Scott's message hit home for you?

B. In racing (running) terms, how would you describe your training and the race you're running for Christ?

C. Of 100 Christians picked at random who started this race together, where are you

 today in relation to the rest of the pack? Why?