

S.O.A.P. Bible Study

S=Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:23-27

O=Observation: After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: Verse 23 is the closing verse of the previous section. Why would it be important as a thought which also introduces the next section (verses 24-27)? What is the prize that Paul is referring to? See Philippians 3:14. What are the obstacles to running a race well that Paul mentions in this text? From what you know of the Corinthians, what might be their “aimless” way of running? What does Paul say about his body and how that figures into running this race well? Look up Hebrews 12:1-3. What insight does that contribute to how to run a purposeful race?

A=Application: What practices of discipline do you need to put into place so that you can run with purpose the grace race? What Lent practices will you commit yourself to between Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) and Easter Sunday (April 4)?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: