



Life Application Notes

Sunday – 22nd (West End)/29th (Lordshill/Central) April 2018

Speaker: Chris Kilby **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 9

Title: ‘A Great Church Releases Servant Leaders’

Introduction:

- Make sure everyone has a pen and a small piece of paper
- Ask everyone in the group to write down three words that come to mind when you say the word ‘LEADER’.
- Collect in the pieces of paper and read out all the words to the group.
- Ask someone to read 1 Corinthians 9:1-11

Questions for discussion:

- What does Paul say are some of his rights as an apostle?
- What does his comments tell us about releasing leaders in the church?

Ask someone to read 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

- How does Paul describe his ministry?
- What is his major priority?
- What does this tell us about the kind of leaders needed in the local church?

‘What can one man do alone?’

‘What can he not do with an army of enthusiasts around him?’

Contemplate at the outset the possibility of having a church of soul winners. Do not succumb to the usual idea that we can only gather a few useful workers, and the rest of the community must inevitably be a dead weight: It may possibly so happen, but do not set out with that notion or it will be verified. The usual need not be the universal; better things are possible than anything yet attained; set your aim high and spare no effort to reach it. Labour to get a church alive for Jesus, every member energetic to the full, and the whole in incessant activity for the salvation of men.’

C. H. Spurgeon

- As a group see if you can come up with 10 ways that we can increasingly cultivate an ‘army of enthusiasts’ and a ‘church of soul winners’ at Life Church.

Ask someone to read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

- Pray for one another, that you will each run well