

LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 01.26.25 Pulpit Curriculum

Win the More: The Power of Gospel Witness

Main passage: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

<u>Evangelism</u> – Proclaiming the message of the gospel; the Person, work and words of Jesus Christ, with biblical clarity and personal authenticity.

1) A Life of Gospel Humility – Servant of All [v19]

- Paul made himself a servant of all so that he might win them. Paul was a Roman citizen born in Tarsus, with vast rights by his birthright. However, he chose to make himself a servant of all. See below categories to understand Paul's position of being a Roman citizen and becoming a slave to Christ.
- Categories of Social Classes in the Ancient Near East
 - Citizens
 - o Freemen
 - Servants / Slaves doulas (there are 8 classes of servant in the New Testament, doulas is the lowest class as a slave)
- A) What is the connection between humility, relating to others, and sharing the gospel?B) What is my heart position when I consider serving others? What sin patterns

impact my humility? _____

2) A Life of Gospel Maximization – Win the More [v 19]

- Paul was focused on winning more people of the world to Jesus Christ in sharing the gospel. Paul's willingness to lower himself (like Christ) was for the gospel. It is our privilege to sow and water gospel seeds so that God will win the more and be glorified. The more we live with gospel clarity, the more God uses us.
- C) Describe a biblically authentic lifestyle that seeks to win others to Christ.

 Consider 2 Cor 3:6-9.
- D) How would others characterize me in my workplace, at home, in the church, in my Lifegroup?

3) A Life of Gospel Selflessness [v 20-22]

• Paul is trying to reach the Jews (v20), Gentiles (v21 - He is under law of Christ), and the weak. He has become all things to all people so that he might win them



to Christ. The skill in wisdom is understanding how to communicate the gospel (translate the gospel, <u>NOT</u> transform the gospel). You don't need to learn another language to do what Paul did. We should seek to understand how to minister to others in need of the gospel. He who is wise wins souls (Prov 11:30).

E)	Where am I not enough in my witness for Christ? How intensely do I depend on
	the Lord for His grace in those areas where I am weak? Confess this in Lifegroup
	and pray (with your LG) for His grace where you lack.

4) A Life of Gospel Motivation – I do it all for the sake of the Gospel [v.23]

- Jesus died for the Church, so we should live for it. See below framework for Evangelism with a Stranger.
 - o Gate starting the conversation
 - Path turning the conversation toward meaningful matter
 - o Bridge engaging with the gospel
- F) Where do I regularly go where I can purposefully seek to evangelize strangers? What are some questions I can ask to "walk through the gate, down the path, and over the bridge" to the gospel?
- G) In what relationship do I need to grow in humility and selflessness for the sake of winning them to Christ? How can I demonstrate humility and selflessness in this relationship to bridge conversations to presenting the gospel? (e.g. towards unsaved relatives taking interest in their lives and allowing access into yours)

5) A Life of Gospel Blessing – Share in its Blessing [v 23]

- Paul, a co-fellow-sharer (Greek sugkoinonos = symphony + fellowship) does all things to SHARE in every element and blessing possible in the gospel. This is a life of evangelism and gospel conviction. What a privileged blessing!
- H) What are some of the blessings that I am a co-fellow-sharer in, for the sake of the gospel? _____

"Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter" – C.H. Spurgeon