

SLAVE TO NONE, SLAVE TO ALL

1 Corinthians 9.19-23

PAUL BECOMES ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN...

Those under the Law: this speaks of the Jews.

Those outside the Law: this speaks of Gentiles, the Greeks in particular.

Free from all: this means he was under no obligation to any. He is his own person.

Servant to all: this meant that he had willfully lowered himself to serve all.

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

-Martin Luther

Romans 13.8 // Galatians 5.13 // 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1

...BECAUSE JESUS BECAME ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

Romans 8.3 // Hebrews 4.15, 16 // Luke 7.31-35

**Christ was not now God *minus* some elements of His deity,
but God *plus* all that He had made His own
by taking manhood to Himself.**

-John Stott

Remaining what He was, He became what He was not.

-Early Unknown Theologian

WHAT IT MEANS, WHAT IT DOESN'T MEAN

In the manner of Christ, we are not to cease from being believers who honor and follow Christ, laying aside our identity and fabric of who we are in Christ. No, we are, to quote the above theologians, to "remain as we are [born again children of God], and become what we are not." We sacrifice our preferences, comfort, and rights, and lay them down to become, to incarnate ourselves into the world of those around us, becoming all things to all men that we may win some.

You must do this kind of thinking if you are going to take the risks involved in adapting to all kinds of people so that you might save some. As soon as you say, "I have made myself slave to all" (v. 19), and "I have become all things to all men" (v. 23), you are on the brink of idolatry and compromise and worldliness and sin. You are walking the razor's edge between fruitless separatism and unprincipled expediency. [the quality of being convenient and practical despite possibly being improper or immoral; convenience.]

If you fall one way, you are of no use because you have no connection with the world; if you fall the other way, you are of no use because you are just like the world. **-John Piper**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 9.19-23**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What does it mean for Paul to “become” as one under the law and one outside of the law?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Jobey started out by saying this would be a Christmas message. How does the message of Christmas tie into Paul’s message to become all things to all people?

Repent and Confess

He commands us, in the pattern of Christ, to become like others and enter into their lives. For most of us, this will bring about a conviction of some kind of negligence or avoidance of this command. What might you need to confess and repent of?

Ask for Provision

It’s easy to either hide ourselves in our own little Christian ghetto, or to fall into the trap of living a life of worldliness and sin. What might you ask God for as you seek to become all things to all men?

Your Life Mission

What kinds of people are around you that you feel like you are having a hard time coming alongside? Who do you feel like you don’t have much in common with and can’t relate to, or maybe even look down upon or judge? How might God call you to “become them” that you might win them?

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

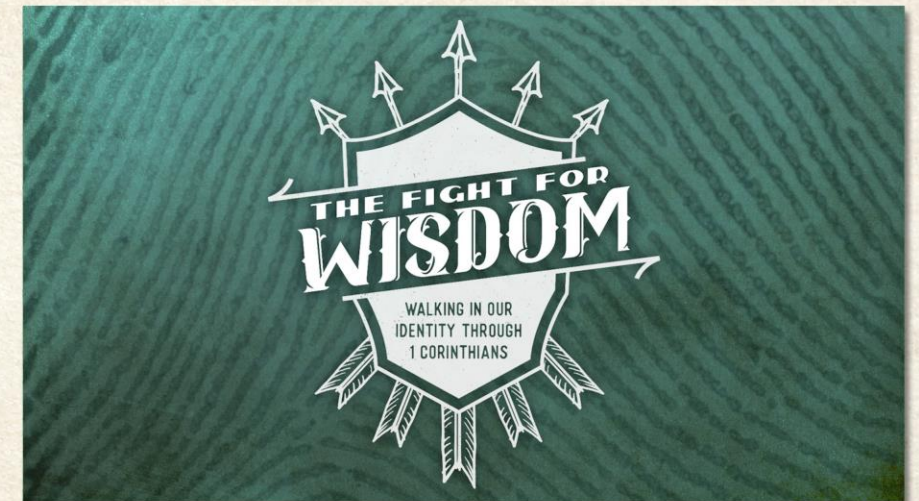
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God’s sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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