



Questions To Go Deeper

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Scripture passage: 1 Corinthians 9:16, 19-22

Focus on passage

- 1) How does Paul demonstrate becoming all things to all people in this passage? What are examples of Paul doing this from Acts or other letters of Paul that you remember?
- 2) Why does Paul need to give caveats in verses 20 and 21 (the parts in parentheses)?
 - a. How does this help us think about guardrails (in other words, is it possible to go too far with the concept of becoming all things to all people)?
- 3) Describe Paul's motivation to preach the Gospel.
 - a. Is he saying he has to, but doesn't want to? If that's not what he's saying, how can he both "have to" and want to at the same time?
- 4) Describe the relationship between preaching and action when it comes to the Gospel as seen in this passage.
 - a. Why does the saying "preach the gospel and, if necessary, use words" not fit with the Bible's teaching?
 - b. Why is it unthinkable that someone would preach the Gospel but not demonstrate it through action?

Application

- 5) What should our motivation be in both living out and sharing the Gospel?
 - a. What do we miss out on when we don't do these things?
- 6) Can you think of examples of others who have become all things to all people that they might win some?
 - a. How does or could this look in your life?
 - b. What should it not look like? In other words, what would it look like to go too far with the idea?