

Life Group/Bible Study Questions
Week following 08/02/25: 1 Corinthians 9:1-27
All things to all people

Introduction: The Corinthians were confident in their rights and knowledge, but Paul invites them to view their freedom through a different lens - not "What am I allowed to do?" but "What best serves others and advances the gospel?"

Looking Back: Last week we talked about how our actions may have an impact on others' walk with God. Share any ways you have been aware of this over the last week.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-27, then answer the following questions:

- a. ***"I lost my job over tweet challenging trans ideology"*** (Christian Institute, 10/05/19)
We all have the right to express our beliefs, including online. But the way we do that may push people away from Christ, closing doors rather than opening them. What does it look like to be "all things to all people" online, or in our workplace/social circles, without compromising our faith?
- b. (v15) ***"But I have not used any of these rights..."*** Paul chooses to put love and mission first, willingly giving up what he's entitled to so that nothing gets in the way of people meeting Jesus. One of our church values is being *sacrificial - giving generously of our time, talents, and resources*. How does Paul's example speak into that for us? Where might God be inviting you to loosen your grip and give a little more freely right now?
- c. (v21) ***"To those not having the law I became like one not having the law..."*** Paul was willing to step into other people's worlds, even when their values or lifestyles were very different from his own. How do we stay rooted in our faith while still being open and kind to people with very different lifestyles and values? How might God be nudging you to build friendships beyond your usual circles?
- d. (v22) ***"I have become all things to all people..."*** Being all things to all people doesn't mean losing who you are - it means loving others enough to meet them where they are. You don't have to agree with someone's story to walk alongside them in it. What would "becoming all things to all people" look like for you your daily life? Consider non-believing family members, colleagues, neighbours etc.
- e. (v23) ***"I do all this for the sake of the gospel..."*** What motivates you to love and serve others - duty, habit, compassion, gratitude? What would you like your motivation to be? How, practically, can you keep the bigger picture in mind?
- f. (v24-25) ***"Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training."*** Athletes don't just turn up on race day and hope for the best: they train, they make choices. In a world full of distractions. Paul invites us to ask: *What am I aiming for?* Spend a few minutes in silent reflection and prayer.

Prayer

- a. Thank God for the example of Paul, who shows us how to be "all things to all people".
- b. Pray that we might use our freedom in Christ to build bridges rather than barriers.