

SM Discussion Group Guide

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Lesson Title: **Free to Evangelize**

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

“Though he is free, Paul makes himself to two parties that he may win some to Christ”

1. **Other People (19-23)**
 - a. **Example**
 - enslaving himself to others (19)
 - becoming as others (20-22)
 - b. **Motivation (23)**

2. **Himself**
 - a. **Reason (24-25)**
 - b. **Reality (26)**
 - c. **Result (27)**

What was taught

1. How does Paul's example of using his freedoms in 1 Corinthians 9 differ from what was commonly practiced in Corinth?
2. What was the most important tip for fruitful evangelism?
3. What was the motivation of Paul listed in 1 Corinthians 9:23

How must this affect me?

1. What affected you (or needs to affect you) most from today's lesson?
2. How do you use your freedoms? Who benefits the most from your freedoms?
3. Does your heart care for the lost? Why should it?
4. What things that make you, you, would be the hardest to give up to become as others to serve others?

Always discuss if you have time

How are you seeing God at work in your life as revealed by the following areas. Focus on the heart and not merely externals. Where there are good answers, give God glory (not individuals) for His work and evidence of His grace in a life. Where these reveal sin or lack of discipline, confess and make *specific* plans repentance.

Leader: take note of students' answers and be diligent to pray for them and follow up.

1. What am I **reading in God's Word** and how is it affecting me?
2. What am I **praying** for and how am I seeing God work through those prayers?
3. How is God using me in the process of **evangelism**?
4. What **sins** is God revealing in my life? What does **repentance** look like?