



NT Group Sermon Study
Love Walks Across the Room

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Break the Ice

(A key part of healthy group life is to make sure your group gets to know each other and builds good relationships)

Have you ever felt completely out of place in a situation (store, restaurant, party, etc)? What was that like for you? When have you been denied access to a place or experience you really wanted to go to?

Read I Corinthians 9:22-24 together as a group.

1. Paul writes that he belongs to no one. Who does he belong to by choice? What does this identity free him to do as he describes in verse 22?
2. What does it mean to become a slave/servant to everyone? How would this show up in your life if you were living it out?
3. What is the motivation of Paul in making himself a slave/servant to everyone? If they reject him or Jesus did Paul fail?
4. Paul's first people group to serve and reach are the Jews and those under the law (same people). What would he have to do to reach them?
5. He then says he becomes weak to reach the weak. What are ways this would play out in life? What kind of weaknesses is he talking about?
6. When Paul says he becomes all things to all people, does he mean there are no boundaries and that everything is permissible as long as the goal is to win them to Jesus? How might Paul become relevant to someone without totally losing himself to a sinful lifestyle?
7. Paul's summary thought is that he is motivated by the gospel so he could share in its blessings. How would doing everything possible to reach someone with the love of Jesus bring the blessings of the gospel to your life?

Next Steps:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20.

1. If God's plan is that you will be His ambassador, are you representing Him well? What do people see and learn about God because of you?
2. Ambassadors go away from home and safety to a place that is different. What different places do you live in, work in, operate in that give you a chance to represent God?
3. What person, behavior, or lifestyle makes you uncomfortable? How could you become a slave/servant to someone living that way so they would see Jesus?