



Our hope is that you were challenged by Sunday's message and would desire to take the study a little deeper. Whether for personal study, family study, or for a Home Group gathering, use this study to go deeper.

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Freedom is at the heart of what Christ accomplished for us on the cross (Galatians 5.1). Instead of spending that freedom on ourselves, we are called to employ it in serving one another in love (Galatians 5.13).

We see Paul specifically apply the *freedom-to-lovingly-serve* in his gospel delivery. When engaging a lost world, Paul says there are frankly no rules that will prevent him from sharing this good news. His single guard-rail is the law of Christ, which implies a pure reliance on the Holy Spirit. All believers, (a.k.a. evangelists) are no longer under a yoke of slavery—sin, lusts, self-sufficiency—which also means our unbelieving neighbors can be beneficiaries of our liberated status.

Main Point

An approved and effective way to reach our lost neighbors is to willingly acknowledge the restrictions they live under, having already been liberated from greater barriers in our own life.

Read

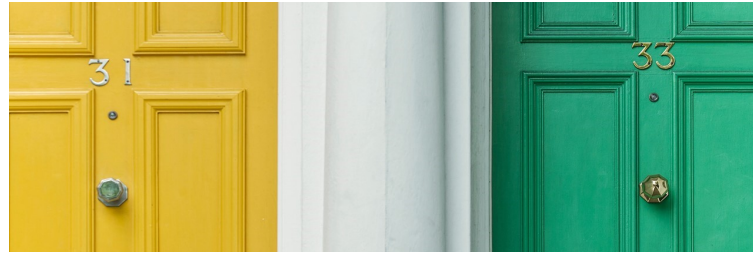
1 Corinthians 9.19-22; Luke 5.27-32; Acts 17.16-34

Discuss

- Paul says (paraphrased), “to those who are _____, so am I.” Why is this such a powerful statement?
- Discuss what the “law of Christ” is? As you settle on it, what parts of it, if any, would prevent us from engaging a lost person?
- Contrast spending our spiritual freedom on ourselves v. our effort to “save some.” How does that help us live pleasing before the Lord?
- Jesus' behavior with Levi infuriated religious leaders. Is His example something we should follow? What would that look like?
- Why was Paul so disturbed in Athens? Why didn't he condemn their grotesque paganism?



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