

Engage, Part 4: Win 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

God's people are sent to win sinners to Christ with the gospel.

1. AN _____ METHOD

"Paul's versatility in seeking to win men of all backgrounds to Christ challenges us to cross the culture-gap between the Christian sub-culture of cosy meetings and holy talk and the pagan culture of our local community. The task of identification with and incarnation into our contemporary paganism, of all kinds, is one of the biggest tasks confronting the church." David Prior¹

2. AN _____ MESSAGE

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

¹ *The Message of 1 Corinthians*, 162.

3. A _____ MOTIVE

"We are called to love others. We share the gospel because we love people. And we don't share the gospel because we don't love people. Instead, we wrongly fear them." Mark Dever²

"Every encounter, every personal habit, was now overtly under the control of Jesus Christ as Lord, because the gospel dominated his whole life. He was living his daily life in the light of eternity, and that meant evangelism with integrity, relationships with adaptability, and personal holiness with single-mindedness." David Prior³

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who is the "someone" to whom you need to become "something" right now? What is the something you can become to that person in order to create opportunities to preach the gospel?
- What is the gospel? Explain it in your own words in a minute or less. Ask a friend or family member to critique your explanation and do some study on any parts where you are weak.
- Have you explained the gospel in a clear way to your non-Christian friends? What makes it hard for you to do that? What is the next step you can take to love that friend instead of fearing him or her?
- Reflect on the experience of your conversion. Who were the people who loved you by preaching the gospel to you? How does this motivate you to go and win others to Christ with the gospel?

Next week: Engage Series #5: Friend of Sinners

² *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*, 27.

³ *The Message of 1 Corinthians*, 159.