

Talk About It
September 26 & 27, 2020

Title: Don't Stop Inviting

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Text: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Our origin story about what it means to be human needs to be rooted in the understanding of what it means to be related to God. Then, in establishing our relation to God, we find our purpose and choose how to live our lives in light of the Gospel of Jesus.

LOOK AT THE WORD

Paul lives in a culture of rights and privileges (1 Cor 9:1)

Paul has the right to claim everything: Roman citizenship, Jewish heritage and tutelage AND Jesus has revealed Himself personally to Paul.

What privileges does Paul have the right to claim? (hint: Read 1 Cor 9:1-18)

Paul chooses not to claim his privilege, what effect does this have on his life?

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ." 1 Corinthians 9:19

The phrase 'slave to all people' shows how Paul will practice his why ('to bring many to Christ'). Compare and contrast 1 Corinthians 9:19 with John 13:14-17 where we see someone else assume the role of a servant-slave.

Paul calls the *ekklesia*.

From the gathering of a church in Corinth, Paul is calling people "out".

From the list of those Paul is trying to reach (v.19-23), who would have been the hardest to convince to follow Jesus? Who would have been the easiest? Why does the Corinthian church need to be "called out"?

LOOK INWARD

We're all in the same boat. *We are all on a journey of transformation and none of us have arrived. We celebrate momentum over destination & inspire through grace rather than shame.*

Taking on the role of a slave is would have been shameful in Paul's context.

What is the modern day equivalent?

We celebrate life change.

Change can't happen without movement and we celebrate momentum.

When have you experienced momentum and movement in your life? Describe the experience.

If you are a Jesus follower... You are how people see God.

Where are you asking God to create momentum in your life now?

We cannot expect anyone to change around us if we aren't willing to change first. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide your movement, momentum and posture to align with God's purpose for your life.

LOOK OUTWARD

How do I add value to someone today?

What is a memorable moment when you have added value to someone?

Respect & truth come before relationship.

If we are to become servants of the Gospel, we must first pursue building trust and respect.

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What is your first step to build trust or respect with those around you?

“Come for the connection. Stay for the breakthrough.”

As you participated in the service this week, who should have been sitting beside you today? Who are you setting a place at the table for?

SO WHAT:

***Our job is not to make a point in this world it's to make a difference.
The best difference is made when people look at us and instead see Jesus.***

NEVER STOP PRAYING

- Praise God because He is a Good Father who provides for those who call on His name and are His children
- Pray for our Next Gen Team as they welcome back middle and high school students back into small gatherings for youth nights next week
- Pray for our global partners in ministry in Bolivia, Hermosillo, Tampico and Peru who are facing many complications in ministry due to this global pandemic
- Pray for Trinity Church Anywhere; that people would sense the call of God to open homes and encounter Jesus as they invite and gather
- Pray for the healing of COVID over our nation and our world
- Pray for healing for the many connected to our congregation with severe health issues and complications arising