

DISCUSS

- During these past two years of COVID, we have heard words like 'adapt,' 'pivot,' and 'adjust.' What has been the hardest thing to adapt to for you in this time of COVID? Share with one another.
- Paul in this passage affirms that he considers himself to be a free person but at the same time says he has made himself a slave to others. In your own words, what is he saying? Is there a tension between the freedom God gives us and making ourselves a slave? What could this look like?
- Paul also seems to indicate that though he is not under certain religious obligations (law), there is another law he is under. What kind of obligations, or expectations, do you sometimes encounter from people? How do you handle them?
- Try to put this passage in one sentence as a helpful takeaway for your walk with God. What would it be?

APPLY

- Think of your extended family or work circumstances. What is an area or aspect you could better accommodate or participate in to build a bridge to people?
- What are some current areas of culture that believers should be careful NOT to adapt to. List some together.
- Name one person God has put in your life who is not yet 'saved' who is different from you and hard to connect with.

PRAY

- Share the person you just named that is hard to connect with and specifically pray about your heart toward them and their coming to Christ.
- Pray that Wellspring would both adapt and stay uncompromising rekindle the Gospel.

Devoted

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Week 6: Devoted to Being 'All Things'

Key Text: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

OPEN

What mattered most to the apostle Paul was people hearing the message of the Gospel, and he knew that he was God's medium for hearing it. So, Paul says in our passage, he devoted himself to "become all things to all people" for the sake of the Gospel and for people to come into a saving relationship with Jesus. Even though Paul considered himself free and belonging to no one – other than Christ – he was willing to become a 'slave to everyone' else's culture or situation in order to reach them with the Good News of Jesus. Paul didn't compromise, change, or water down the message, but he adapted himself to communicate it in a way that helped others receive it. Like Paul, God wants us to be willing to change or accommodate those around us for the sake of reaching them.

REFLECT

- In verse 19, Paul says he is 'free.' What does he mean?
- A few verses later, Paul says he is not free from God's law but is under Christ's law. How would you define these two laws and how can you be under both at the same time?
- In verse 22, Paul says his aim is to help 'save some.' How would define or explain what it means to be 'saved'?
- What do you think are the 'blessings' to share in of helping people become 'saved'? (v. 23).