

Sharing the Gospel with Love

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: contextualizing the gospel

Who this is for: everyone

Desired impact on disciples: get more comfortable sharing the gospel

Desired impact on campus/home/others: hearing the gospel

Hear the word

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

- Why do we share the gospel? What is the reward Paul talks about?
- What is it to be all things to all people?
- How is evangelism like a race?

Respond actively

Practice sharing the gospel in pairs. Pray for an opportunity to share it with one person outside of your group. Think about what parts of the gospel story you would emphasize more depending on who you would talk to.

Debrief and Interpret

- How did it feel to share the gospel?
- What was challenging? What was easy?
- Did you get to share with someone else? What was it like?
- What did you learn about God? Yourself?

Expand the influence

Share with someone else