

## **LIFE Group Leader Handout**

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### ***That I Might Win Some***

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#### **Scripture—1 Corinthians 9:19-23**

*19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.*

#### **Main Idea—We Can Do More Than We Think We Can Do As We Exercise Self-Denial for the Sake of the Gospel**

**Salvation** is as a result of the sharing of the truth...

“The truth must pierce the heart, affect the life, make a new man” (Spurgeon)

#### **6 PURPOSE CLAUSES... READ 1 Corinthians 9:19-23**

- v. 19, “that I might win more”
  - v. 20, “in order to win Jews.”
  - v. 20, “that I might win those under the law.”
- v. 21, “That I might win them that are without law.” v. 22, “That I might win the weak.”
  - v. 23, “that I may share with them”.

The objective - to win more people to Christ. **To Sow the seed...**

#### **I. The Starting point...**

v. 19 “*I have made myself a servant to all*”

#### **II. Understand your Freedom**

v. 19 “*though I am free from all*” (Men)

He refers to routines and rituals...

I have no need to yield to custom or ceremony. Yet...and here's the key ... yet,  
I have made myself a slave unto all. (**To enslave one self**)

You don't win them by **accommodating** yourself, BUT you gain the right to speak the truth by **accommodating** yourself.

**YOU CAN DO MORE THAN WHAT YOU THINK YOU CAN DO!**

***“I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.”***

### **Condescend v. Compromise**

I don't have to join in sin to identify with them...

I don't have to engage in practices that are part of Worldly behavior...

I do have to... **Remove unnecessary offenses**... so as to be able to share the **truth**. Be Sensitive to the expectation of People.

The **truth** may and will offend, but that is necessary.

I need to Sacrifice.

Personal comfort, plans, Health, Safety, Security... To reach people.

**“I Became”** *“I have Become all things”*

### ***Application—***

- This whole passage rests on the need for people to be won to Christ. (To win more, win Jews, win those under the law, win those without law, win the weak.) If Paul is a “10” in passion for evangelism, what number would you give the average Christian today? What number would you give yourself? Has that number grown higher or gotten lower over the years?
- The starting point—*“I have made myself a servant of all.”* What does that commitment look like for you?
- **YOU CAN DO MORE THAN WHAT YOU THINK YOU CAN DO!** Why is this true? In what ways have you told yourself this truth this week?

## FOUR THINGS YOUR LIFE GROUP WANTS FROM ITS LEADER

By Jeff Galley

What does it take to be the kind of leader people choose to follow--the kind of leader people follow just because they want to? According to the book *The Truth About Leadership* (James Kouzes and Barry Posner), the answers might surprise you. Turns out, we look for four traits in our leaders: honest, forward-looking, inspiring, and competent. These are the most-desired traits across all cultural, ethnic, gender and age boundaries. So if you want to be a better Life Group leader, ask yourself these four questions:

**Am I honest?** Am I forthright, and can my Life Group count on my character and integrity (1 Peter 3:10-12)? Am I openly sharing my heart or just presenting information about my life? Am I aware of and do I share about my own strengths and limitations?

**Am I forward-looking?** Am I providing a sense of direction for my Life Group, and does the group know what to expect (Proverbs 29:18)? Am I seeking input from my Life Group about what they need and taking that into consideration?

**Am I inspiring?** Am I positive and upbeat, and do I lead with passion and energy? Am I encouraging others to reach higher in their walk with Christ and their personal growth (Hebrews 10:24)? Do I inspire my group to embrace community?

**Am I competent?** Am I capable to follow through on what I say I'll do? Am I working to improve the skills I need to lead my Life Group? Am I comfortable admitting I don't know something and willing to ask for help if needed (James 14:5)?

It's okay if your answers don't score perfectly! But keep choosing to grow as a leader, and occasionally self-evaluate to see if you're improving.