**![C:\Documents and Settings\Dan\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AS4WMIWL\MCj04339030000[1].png]()** Gospel Sharing Study 4 It’s all about the gospel

**![C:\Documents and Settings\Dan\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AS4WMIWL\MCj02925940000[1].wmf]()Key verse:** 1 Cor. 9:22b,23.

I have become all things to all men 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.**Big Idea:** All the things we do as a Church need to be assessed by their value in regard to furthering the gospel.

Kick Off

Consider the chairs in your home. How wide is the range of different types and styles of chair are there and why? What is the main purpose of a chair? What is the bare minimum requirement in your thinking for something to be classified a chair?

STUDY

Read 1 Cor. 9:19-27

1. What surprising contrast do we find in v 19?

2. Think of some reasons for why Paul would forsake his freedom for the cause he states?

3. Paul dedicates his life for win people from all sorts of different categories but he mentions four in particular. Try and think of who he had in mind and who (if any) today would fit into those same categories today?

The Jews *(how can Paul, who was a Jew, talk about ‘becoming’ a Jew?)*

Those under the law

Those without the law

The week

4. Why is Paul, ‘becoming all things to all men’ v22, different from ‘pleasing all the people all the time’?

5. Is Paul’s boast of doing everything for the sake of the gospel in v23 peculiar to him because he was an Apostle (see 1 Cor 11:1)?

6. How does Paul’s sports illustration in vv24-7 strengthen his argument that it is worth our while to sacrifice our freedoms for specific gospel outcomes?

THINK AND APPLY

The unchanging gospel is presented in ever changing ways. We live worthwhile lives by knowing and telling the gospel by our words and actions and by intentionally befriending ‘outsiders in order to share this message with them.

What aspects of our church gatherings should we not ever change? And what other aspects are we free to mix up and do in different ways?

Consider the two ‘outsiders’ you have identified as people you would like to see come to know Jesus. What would you have to do to become like them in order to bring them the gospel?

How are we to train ourselves in order to ***not*** run aimlessly or pointlessly be beat the air?

PRAYER

**For next week**

**Read**

**Luke 19:28-44**

**What can you pray about arising from this study?**