

From the message on July 23 & 24

1 Corinthians - United in Mission

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 16:1-4

Purpose: Last week we talked about differences that show up in a church and how through the gospel we are called to unity even with our differences. This week we are tackling the topic of being united in our mission as believers. There is no plan B - God is accomplishing his mission of making his name known in our world through the work of the Holy Spirit through his church.

Living on mission involves sacrifice. It will cost something. For Paul, he voluntarily gives up his rights for the sake of the gospel. What does this mean for our own lives?

Opening Interaction: Describe a time you were part of a group united around a common goal? What was it? What was it like to be part of this group?

Read and Discuss:

- In these passages, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?
 - What is the author communicating to the audience?
 - What does this passage teach us about God?
1. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. Describe how Paul has made himself a servant to all.
 2. What does this look like in your everyday life?
 3. What does Paul mean when he says "I have become all things to all people?"
 4. How do you define the gospel (v. 23)? How do you understand God's mission in our world and what it means for us to participate?
 5. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. What do our finances have to do with God's mission?
 6. What do you need to reorient or redirect in your life so that you can be more on mission daily?

Calvary Season of Prayer: Anticipation

Faith can be described as anticipation - the assurance and confidence that what God has promised for our future will surely happen.

- In this season of anticipation, please pray in anticipation that God will provide eternal blessing in the future, spiritual blessing now, even in uncertain circumstances.
- Also pray with anticipation for...
 - Your faith to be strengthened
 - Faith to be cultivated in those far from Jesus
 - Faithfulness of those in our church as we seek to take next steps during our current season.