

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23** (NLT) - Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. <sup>20</sup>When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. <sup>21</sup>When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. <sup>22</sup>When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. <sup>23</sup>I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

1. **Servant to All**
2. **Speak their Language**
3. **Share the Good News**

## Study Guide

1. Do you find it hard to connect with others? Why or why not?
2. Is there a specific group, person, or race that you find hard to connect with?
3. Jesus was ridiculed for associating with ALL KINDS of people. He connected with everyone because he wanted to see everyone set free. Do you want to see people set free? Do you feel free yourself?
4. God wants us to influence the world like Paul to bring them to Christ and be set free! It starts with our own hearts getting right with God first.

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, I need you. I surrender my heart and entire life to you. Please forgive me for all my sins. I choose to believe that Jesus is the only one who can make me whole. I believe he died for me and was raised from the dead. Thank you for your grace and mercy.

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray you would give me a heart like yours for the world. Please show me how to have common ground.

5. Talk to God about what gifts he has put in YOU that can help influence the world for Christ! God has a great plan and purpose for YOU!