

AT-HOME STUDY QUESTIONS

1 Corinthians 8-10: Living Free and Loving Well

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Date: Sunday, January 25, 2026 (Sermon from August 10, 2025)

Sermon Summary

Paul teaches us about the balance between Christian freedom and servanthood. He demonstrates how we should be willing to adapt our approach (not our message) to meet people where they are for the sake of the gospel. True freedom in Christ means choosing to lay down our rights and preferences to build bridges with others so they can hear the good news of Jesus.

1. What does Paul mean when he says he is "free from all" yet has "made himself a servant to all"? How is this different from worldly views of freedom?
2. In verses 20-22, Paul describes becoming different things to different people. What boundaries does he set? What does he refuse to compromise?
3. Paul repeatedly uses the phrase "that I might win" or "that I might save some." Why is this language significant? How does verse 23 clarify his motivation?

4. The sermon mentioned five practical ways to be adaptable:

- Use everyday language
- Meeting people on their territory
- Listen more - speak less
- Live the Gospel
- Model the love of Christ

Which of these is easiest for you? Which is most challenging?

5. Think about your own "freedom" as a Christian—your preferences, rights, and comforts. What is one specific freedom you might need to lay down to effectively reach someone with the gospel?

6. The sermon contrasted manipulative evangelism with loving evangelism. Have you ever witnessed or experienced pushy witnessing? How did it affect the person being witnessed to? What would you do differently?

7. Who in your life needs to hear the gospel? What would it look like to "become all things" to that specific person—to meet them where they are?