

Week 12: Acts 16:1-5
All Things to All Men Part 1

BIG IDEA:

Paul champions “saved by grace alone,” but in order to be culturally relevant to the non-Jesus believing Jewish community, he and Timothy will follow a custom that will help them make inroads. Paul’s aim in making himself a “slave to all” is three-fold: to win others, to save others, and to be a partaker of the benefits of the Gospel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What does it mean to be “saved by grace alone?”

Why did Paul have Timothy get circumcised?

What is the difference between a cultural issue versus a salvation issue?

What is the difference between Paul’s aims to “win” others and “save” others?

Discuss Martin Luther’s quote, “*A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all. ... Love, by its very nature, is ready to serve and be subject to him who is loved.*”

What are some modern-day ways we can connect to those we are sent to serve, that are not about circumcision?

To whom, and in what ways, has God called you specifically to change to become like another (a slave) so that they might believe in Jesus?

How have you experienced the Benefits of the Gospel?

Spend some time in prayer asking the Spirit to reveal the ways that you can change to better serve someone else so that they can come to know Jesus. Ask God to search you and the ways you spend your time, money and resources.

Celebrate in the benefits of the Gospel you have received.

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**TODAY’S
VERSES:**

Acts 16:1-5

Acts 15:24-29

1 Timothy 1:2

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Isaiah 2:2

Galatians 2:1-3

2 Timothy 3:15

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