

Mission Above Methods

1 Corinthians 9:19–23

BIG IDEA

We hold tightly to the gospel while remaining flexible in how we live it out.

OPENING

What's something in your life that has changed a lot over the years, but its purpose has stayed the same?

DIGGING IN

- Read 1 Corinthians 9:19–23. Paul says he became "all things to all people." What motivated him to adapt so radically?
- Verse 22 says, "I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." What's the difference between changing the message and changing the method?
- PCC has changed a great deal over the decades, different ministries, styles, and approaches, while staying faithful to its mission. Where have you seen this kind of thinking help, or resistance to change hurt an effort to reach people?
- What methods or traditions do we sometimes confuse with the actual mission?
- Is there an area of your own life, family, or ministry involvement where you're holding onto a method more tightly than the mission itself?

LIVING IT OUT

Choose one way you could flex your approach this week in how you share your faith, serve, or invite someone for the sake of reaching them.

MEMORY VERSE

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." — 1 Corinthians 9:22

CLOSING PRAYER

Ask God for discernment to know what's essential and what's flexible, and courage to adapt where needed.