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Identity!!
Life on Mission
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Intro: We speak a lot of languages in today's world. And I just don't mean English, Spanish, Swahili, or Chinese. Even with the same verbal language we have a lot of different cultural languages. For example, a 20 year old talks about life a lot different from a senior adult. And people from the East coast don't always understand people from the West coast. In Paul's travel, he experienced similar cultural differences. How do we interact with those whose culture and experiences may be different from ours?

"We can better share the gospel when we step into the shoes of others!!"

1. Life on Mission

- a. The Jews – Paul was a Jew, until he met Jesus Acts 16:1-3
- b. Those without the law – these were Gentiles
- c. The weak – those who easily become prey to the work 1 Corinthians 8:7-13

2. Paul on Mission

- a. Paul was fully committed to reaching anybody and everybody with the gospel 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 16:15
- b. Paul was on a serious mission that required discipline and self control

3. Live it Out! *How will you step into the shoes of others to share Christ?*

- a. Pray – identify someone who needs Christ and the Gospel
- b. Learn – learn what you can about their beliefs, experiences, and culture
- c. Step out – Seek a way to connect with someone that's different from you

Challenge – Walking a mile in someone else's shoes is harder than we often realize. But it's a necessary part of sharing the gospel with those who need to hear it. Are you ready? Ask God to provide you with an opportunity to share with someone else this week.