

Church People Are The Worst... | Win Over | Week 3

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

INTRODUCTION

Without intending to, Christianity won the West. It toppled the Roman Empire. It did so without raising a sword. What was the secret of the early church's influence? Where did we go wrong? The Apostle Paul was all things to all men so he might win some. This is how we behave when we want someone to date us or want to gain a client. We “win” people over. Our job is not to judge those OUTSIDE the church, but to “win over” outsiders.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Would you consider yourself an introvert or extrovert?
- What do you like or dislike about connecting with people?
- Do you know the names of your neighbors who live directly around your house? Why or why not?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Has there ever been a time in your life where someone has loved you for who you are?
2. At Sun Valley, we exist for those who are not here yet. We are to be outsider focused. How have you been at inviting others to join you on your faith journey? If you haven't been involving others, what can you start to do this week?
3. What do you fear the most about inviting outsiders to come to church with our or attend your group?
4. Do you find it easier to judge sin in non-Christians, Christians, or both? Why or why not?
5. If people who have not yet said Yes to Jesus matter to you the way they matter to God, how would your life and/or friendships look the same or differently?

6. **Read aloud 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.** In this chapter, Paul shares his thoughts on the importance of love and service and meeting people where they are to share Jesus with them. Paul is encouraging the Corinthians to forfeit their rights for the sake of others. When should we as believers be willing to give up our rights and love others where they are in life?

7. What does it mean to be “all things to all people?” (1 Cor. 9:22)

8. **Read aloud 1 Corinthians 9:24-25.** How much effort do you put into being a disciple? Where do you work as hard for the gospel as Olympic athletes train to win a medal?

9. Chad outlined love is a choice. To love it to listen, be humble, give and serve, and be honest. Why is it hard for us to love like this?

PRAYER

Jesus, we are taught in America to protect our freedom and rights. Grant us wisdom to know when to set those privileges aside for others. Grant us grace to live up to the call to live for others. Help us to love You and love people not only in feeling and emotions, but also in our actions. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms are next weekend on May 1 & 2. Find out more and register at <http://baptism.sv.cc>