

Who Are We? – Week 5

Culture of Evangelism

Big Idea: We believe saved people live sent.

Main Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:19–27

Group Purpose

Leader Tip: Keep the focus on relationship and obedience, not pressure or guilt.
Celebrate small steps of faithfulness.

This week's guide helps your Connect Group see evangelism not as pressure or performance, but as a lifestyle that flows naturally from a changed life. Because we have been saved by Jesus, we now live sent—loving people, building relationships, and pointing others to Him wherever God has placed us.

Opening

Icebreaker Question

- Who is someone in your life who positively influenced your faith journey, and how did they do it?

(Encourage storytelling and keep the tone relational.)

Scripture Reading

Read Together

- **1 Corinthians 9:19–27** (Have one or two people read aloud)

Ask the group to listen for Paul's motivation and purpose as he speaks.

Teaching Summary (Leader Read-Aloud)

In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul reminds us that although we are free in Christ, we willingly choose to live sent for the sake of others. Paul adapted his approach—not the message—to help people encounter Jesus. Evangelism was not an event for Paul, but a way of life marked by

intentionality, discipline, and love. At our church, we believe that saved people don't sit on the sidelines—they live sent into everyday life with purpose.

Group Discussion

Understanding the Text

1. What does Paul mean when he says he became “a servant to all” in verse 19?
2. How do verses 22–23 help us understand Paul’s heart for reaching people?
3. What do the images of running and discipline in verses 24–27 teach us about living sent?

Reflection & Personal Connection

4. When you hear the word *evangelism*, what thoughts or feelings come to mind?
5. What fears or obstacles most often keep people from sharing their faith?
6. How have you seen God use relationships—not pressure—to draw people toward Him?

Church Culture Connection

7. Why is it important to see evangelism as a lifestyle rather than a program?
8. How does living sent connect to everything we’ve talked about in this series (prayer, community, serving, generosity)?

Application

Help the group move from discussion to action.

Personal Application

- Who has God placed in your life right now that you can intentionally love and pray for?
- What is one practical way you can live sent this week?
 - (Examples: praying for someone by name, listening well, showing kindness, sharing your story, inviting someone into community)

Group Application

- How can this Connect Group encourage one another to live sent?
- Would the group be willing to regularly pray for people who are far from God?

Prayer Time

Guided Prayer Option

- Thank God for saving you and giving you purpose.
- Pray for the people God has placed in each person's life.
- Ask for boldness, compassion, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

(Leaders: remind the group that faithfulness matters more than results.)

Closing Encouragement

Remind the group:

Evangelism isn't about having all the answers—it's about living with love, purpose, and obedience. Saved people live sent.

Encourage group members to continue living out **who we are** by carrying the hope of Jesus into everyday life.