

# GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

## All things to all people... 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

(part of 'the Ask' series – 5/13/12)

### The Big Idea

What does God want for me and for the church? This is an all important question that we all have to come to grips with. For us, God wants to have a relationship with us, not based on performance, but the gospel of grace. For his church he wants to use us in winning people for the kingdom. As Paul became all things to all people so that he might win some to the kingdom (I Cor. 9:19-27), we too ought to serve all, become a student to all, and be single minded in our mission to join with God in building his kingdom.

### Discussion Questions

1. How do you think about and relate to God? Is your relationship with him based on your feelings or performance, or do you enjoy his loving care for you and live out of his love for you?
2. Winning people starts with loving people and serving them. How are you at serving other people? What are some tangible ways in which you could begin to serve those around you? Is there anything that hinders you from being a servant to others?
3. If we'd win people to God, we must know the people in the culture – namely, the people around you so that you can contextualize the message of the Gospel to them. What are some ways in which you might become a better student of the culture (people) around you?
4. Read [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#). Are you running (living life) in the right direction? Is there anything currently hindering you from running the race with single mindedness? What would it look like in our lives if we were focused on winning the prize, what would have to change?
5. Who are you looking to 'win to God' right now? What are some ways in which you are being intentional with them in order to 'win them'?

### Announcements

- **The Great Giveaway** – This Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, ALL Community Groups will be meeting at GENESIS from 6PM till 9PM. We will be meeting in order to help sort and organize all items that will be given away at The Great Give Away on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed up to volunteer yet, please e-mail Tracy Alexander at [tracy.alexander@genesisthejourney.com](mailto:tracy.alexander@genesisthejourney.com)
- **Redemption Conference** – GENESIS is hosting a Redemption Group Conference over Memorial Day Weekend (May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>). There are only a few spots remaining for people to attend. Learn more about the Redemption Group Conference via the [GENESIS Website](#), or contact Paul Flemming if you'd like to sign-up – [Paul.Flemming@genesisthejourney.com](mailto:Paul.Flemming@genesisthejourney.com)
- **Jonah... This is Our God** – GENESIS will begin a new 6 week journey through the book of Jonah beginning this Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to see the God we serve.