



[Go CROSS cultural]

1 Corinthians 8-9
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**AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD-
 I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD**

-Jesus

The Call to GO! CROSS cultural

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **John 17:15-21 (NIV)**

Avoiding the Extremes in Going CROSS cultural

Syncretism- _____ warning: (Don't be like the world)

Sectarianism – _____ warning: (Don't leave the world)
 (Living by Faith with the Tension)

Guiding Questions when Going CROSS cultural

1. What does the _____ say? (The Bible is Final Authority for life and practice).
 -Can I?
 -Should I?
2. What does my _____ say?
3. What does my friend _____?
 Q: what is more important than your personal freedom?
 A: your friends (a brother or sister in Christ)

The Goal of Going CROSS cultural

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. **1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV)**

Going CROSS cultural will require Intentionality

_____ at taking the CROSS to the culture.
 Invest in what lasts.
 Remain _____.
 Be careful not to become _____.

Ready, Set... GO!!!

CONCLUSION:

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR 6/22/08 – 1 Corinthians 8-9

1. Why is it easier to go to an extreme (syncretism or sectarianism) than carry the transforming power of the CROSS into culture?
2. What was cultural issue that the church in Corinth was wrestling with in chp. 8? What are some modern cultural issues that we wrestle with?
3. How willing are you to lay down your preferences, personal freedoms and rights in order to see the cause of Christ advance? What is one step you can actively take this week in order to reach out in the name of Jesus?
4. Can we go too far in the "contextualizing" of the gospel? (For example, being involved in sinful activities (drunkenness, immorality, false religions for the sake of evangelization). What does 1 Corinthians 9:27 call this?
5. What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you from this letter to the Corinthian Church?

Pray and ask the Lord to help you carry the message of the CROSS into the culture.