



DIRTY CHURCH

PART 2

Winning More

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1. Share a little about the missionaries you know. What have they had to give up in order to preach the Gospel to people far away? If you were going to become an overseas missionary, what would be your greatest apprehension about it all?

2. What does Paul mean when he says he is “free from all”? How did he choose to use that freedom when it came to interacting with others? What stops us from doing the same kind of thing? What cultural and societal factors press us into demanding our rights instead of giving them up for others?

3. How does Philippians 2:4-8 describe the sacrificial love of Jesus? How can we get better at showing that kind of love? What practices will help us become the kind of people who love like that instinctively?

4. In your own life, what group or groups of people do you find it difficult to give up your rights for the sake of hearing the Gospel? What would it look like for a conservative Republican to “become all things” to the leftist Democrat for the sake of the Gospel? What would it look like for a leftist Democrat to “become all things” for the sake of the MAGA crowd? What kinds of rights would you have to give up to reach the “other”?

5. What other barriers do we put in front of people before they hear the Gospel well? What standard do we expect people to meet before they are ready to be told about saving faith?

6. If you’re able, share who you feel you haven’t been sacrificing for enough. What makes it hard to do it in that specific situation?
