

# HOW WILL YOU ENGAGE THE CULTURE?

That's not a simple question. Nevertheless, God expects us to “go into the whole world teaching and baptizing to make disciples.” It is a costly venture – money, time, energy and emotional outpouring. Will you go? Will you help others to go? Will you take up the challenge to Engage the Culture?



The Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:22 “I have become all things to all people that I might win some.” As an extraordinary evangelist, Paul realized that he must identify with people within their cultures. He stretched himself and expanded his comfort zone to understand the people of many different backgrounds and experiences. His purpose was simple – win people to Jesus Christ. Paul’s great desire was for people to understand God’s redemptive love and receive God’s forgiveness.

As Christians, our strategy is the same in the 21st century as that of the Apostle Paul. We travel to other cultures and work at gaining people’s trust so that we can speak to them about Jesus Christ. Sometimes that means building a clinic in the jungles of Panama. In Ukraine, we use the method of a sports camp to create a relationship with children and their parents. In the Republic of Georgia, time is spent in prayer, encouragement, and training pastors. Future church leaders in Mexico receive positive feedback as we do outreaches together with them. Kenyan leaders see examples of God’s unconditional love as White River members work in the midst of unimaginable suffering in the slums and are willing to even wash the feet of the diseased out in the bush country.

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:22, NIV

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