

All It Takes

1. By all means to save some..
1 Corinthians 9: 1-23

*"Woody:
a community
doing all it takes to
follow Jesus and
make him known."*

Back in the good old days...

- You could assume the truth of the gospel
- You could get people involved in the life of the institutional church
- You could pressure or coerce people into belief

It's different now!

- **"Science has disproved God"**
 - Freud: psychology
 - Feuerbach: God is wish fulfilment
 - Marx: dialectical materialism
 - Nietzsche: God is dead
 - Darwin: evolution

It's different now!

- **"We don't need God"**
 - Mankind has "grown up"
- **Church is no longer centre of the community**
 - Other entertainment + mass media
 - Breakdown of extended family and community

It's different now!

- **Distrust of institutions**
 - Parliament!!
 - Police
 - Church
 - "You can't trust any of them"

It's different now!

■ Supermarket Spirituality

*"Choose a faith:
buy one,
get one free!"*



It's different now!

■ "Religion is the root of all evil"

- War
- Conflict
- Prejudice
- Ignorance
- etc.



~~Back to the future~~

Forward to the Past : 1st century church

- Jews saw christianity as "*offensive*"
- Greeks thought it "*foolish*"
- Romans denounced it as "*atheistic*"

*"To the Jews I became like a Jew,
to win the Jews.*

*To those under the law I became
like one under the law,
so as to win those under 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"*

1 Corinthians 9: 20-22.

**By
ALL
Means!**



They went everywhere

- Chariot in desert
- Home of gentile
- Captive preachers in prison
- Athens debating soc.
- Palaces and mansions
- Deck of a sinking ship



A Variety of Approaches

Signs and wonders
Friendship
Persuasion
Testimony

Acts 17

"As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue andreasoned with them from the scriptures.
The Bereans were more noble... for they examined the scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true....
Many of the Jews believed"

Sermons to come..

3. Apologetics is
"never having to say you're sorry"



Email your questions or come and ask them on the day

Sermons to come..

4. Evangelism through serving and signs-and-wonders

Opening doors for the gospel

Opening closed hearts and minds

Sermons to come..

5. What kind of church will it take to make Christ known in our generation?



Sermons to come..

2. What kind of PEOPLE will it take to make Christ known?

A question,
not of
ABILITY,
but of
AVAILABILITY.