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Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others . . . If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:11, 13-15 NIV

Keys to Helping Others Connect with God 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 MSG

1. _____ in your relationships with people.

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all . . . 1 Corinthians 9:19

2. _____ all people.

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. 1 Corinthians 9:19-20

For God so loved the world . . . John 3:16

3. ______ who you are in Christ.

I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ. 1 Corinthians 9:21 Jesus: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." Matthew 5:13 NIV

4. _____ into their world.

... but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view ... I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. 1 Corinthians 9:21-22

5. _____ them to Christ.

I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in* on it! 1 Corinthians 9:23

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. Acts 20:24 NIV

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