

Dwelling in the Word

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (The Message)

Missional practices: *cultivating new understandings, ways of being, and living Christ's mission. Dwelling in the Word is about imagining how God is calling and sending us to embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ in our communities and the world.*

19-23 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. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—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. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in* on it!

Questions for Reflection:

Is there a word, phrase, or image that causes you to pause or go deeper in your exploration of Christ's mission?

How does this passage challenge us to discover our context for ministry and mission?