

W Consider Others

Week of Jan 9th
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

In Christ we have many rights and freedoms, though the exercising of those rights and freedoms should never come at the cost of another believer's well-being. When asked about food offered up to idols, the apostle Paul rightly understands it to be just that, food, and therefore it can be consumed. However, if by eating that food we cause another brother or sister to stumble, we should be more than willing to abstain for his or her edification.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 - Based on Paul's response to the church in Corinth, what do we learn about the posture of their hearts toward God and others?
2. Read Mark 12:30-31 and James 2:19. Why is love for God and others the primary indicator of one's relationship with God?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 8:4-6. Paul explains that though the idols themselves aren't real, Satan and his demons are behind all of them. And the worship of anything but God is not morally neutral. He draws their attention to the life of Christ.
 - Re-read 1 Corinthians 8:6 and read Philippians 2:1-11. Jesus was the most entitled person in history. What rights and freedoms did He lay aside for us?
 - What was His motivation for loving with such sacrifice?
 - How can we learn from and imitate His example?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-13.
 - How would you summarize these verses?
 - Why is it so important as followers of Christ to not make others stumble?
 - What are some examples of things that some Christians might be ok with, but would cause other to stumble?
 - In what ways have you seen people give up what they considered a right or a freedom to not make someone else stumble?
 - In verse 13, what is Paul strongly communicating? Would you be willing to give something up for the benefit of others?
5. Paul had his eye on eternity and was clear that his citizenship was in heaven. He played the long-game and was willing to sacrifice here and now because he was living for eternity. Are there specific "freedoms" or "rights" that God is calling you to lay aside in order to love others well?

In your breakout groups, spend time praying for one another. Specifically, that we would depend on the supernatural power of God's Spirit to live in a way that reflects Christ's character.

NOTES:

OTHER RESOURCES

READY TO GO DEEPER?

Studying God Character and Attributes

Each week we will study a different facet of God's character. As we fix our eyes on Him, our prayer is that it will enrich our awe and worship of Him, and our trust in Him will grow as we seek to follow and glorify Him.

This week we will study the Eternal nature of God.

God has always existed and always will. He has no beginning and no end. He is outside of time and His perspective is eternal. His love, mercy, righteousness and faithfulness will never end. And He will reign forever and ever.

Study the following passages and consider the questions below.

Genesis 1:1-2:3
Job 36
Psalm 90
Psalm 100
Isaiah 40
John 1:1-5
Romans 1:18-20
Ephesians 3:7-13
Jude 24-25
Revelation 11:15-19

- How does God's eternal nature increase your awe and worship of Him?
 - How does knowing that He's eternal and will reign forever increase your trust in Him?

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DIVE IN ON YOUR OWN TO GET READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

A Steward First

1 Corinthians 9:1-18