



Freedom that Loves

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Discussion

1. When you hear the word "freedom," what comes to mind? How does our culture typically define freedom?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's worship?

Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13.

3. Paul says, "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up." The Corinthians were right that idols had no real power, but why does Paul still ask them to consider other believers? What does this teach us about Christian maturity?

4. Paul calls believers to limit their freedom for the sake of someone with a weaker conscience. When have you seen someone willingly give up a preference or right out of love for another person?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33.

5. Paul writes, "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial or builds others up. According to this passage, what should guide our decisions as followers of Jesus?

6. N.T. Wright writes, "Christian freedom is not freedom to do what you like... but freedom for the service of God and the gospel." How does that definition challenge or reshape your understanding of freedom?

7. This week, where might God be inviting you to set aside a preference, a right, or a convenience so that someone else might experience the love of Christ?

8:1b

We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

8:9

Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

10:23-24

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. ²⁴No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

10:31-33

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³²Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

Next Steps

- **Love Jesus:** Read ahead for next Sunday - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20.
- **Connect with Others:** Ask someone how you can encourage or support them in their walk with Christ.
- **Serve the World:** Choose one act of sacrificial service this week that puts another person's needs ahead of your own.
- **Reach the Lost:** Pray for someone who does not yet know Jesus and look for an opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love through your words or actions.

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