

GOSPEL FREEDOM

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2. DOES MY _____ CONDEMN IT?

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GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

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Do you agree with this statement? How would you explain this concept to a new believer?

Can you give an example of how doing something you are *allowed* to do could end up hurting (not loving) someone?

Read **Romans 15:1-2**. How is the principle in these verses connected to the issue we are learning about in 1 Corinthians 8 (Hint: look back to Romans 14)?

What is our obligation in matters of Christian freedom?

What would that look like?

Have you ever chosen your Christian freedom over another's conscience? What happened?

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