

DISCUSSION GUIDE



"Idols in Culture"
Corinthians Are U.S.
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WELCOME & WORSHIP *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

WORD [1 Corinthians 8](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-8.** Discuss the historical context of the culture in Corinth concerning food sacrificed to idols.
 - What was the mindset of those who were strong in their faith concerning food sacrificed to idols?
 - What was the mindset of those weaker in the faith?
3. **Read verses 9-13.** What is Paul's instruction to Corinthians who are stronger in faith? How should they think and act with regard to "exercising their right" (or freedom in Christ) in such a way that is loving and not dishonoring to those who are weaker?
4. **What are some examples of idols in our culture today?**
 - For those who are strong in faith, how might we hurt those who are weak when we exercise our right to partake in these 'idols' in a way that is not sensitive to the consciousness of another? Share examples.
 - Those who may be weaker or stricter in faith, what is helpful to remember as we observe those who "exercise their right"? Discuss issues of legalism, pride, judgement.
5. How can we be a community of people that lead people in a growing relationship with God (closer to Him!) and think and act in such ways that do not drive a wedge between others and God?
6. What are three big sins in the Church that are 'absolutes'? Why must we think about these in our motivations and interactions?
7. **Application.** What is your biggest takeaway from Sunday's message? How can you faithfully respond?

WITNESS In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you live as one who is free in Christ in a way that is loving and honoring to others. May the world recognize we are Jesus' disciples by our love.