

LIFE GROUP GUIDE – Week Starting Sunday 28th April 2024

1 Corinthians 8

Remember these guides are just that, guides. Don't feel you have to get through every question, they are there primarily to facilitate discussion of the text and enable prayer and pastoral care of one another.

This Week's BIG IDEA: In this chapter Paul is starting to answer a question from the Corinthians (What about food sacrificed to Idols?), a question that will be more fully answered in chapter 10. For now he is using this question as an opportunity to teach about love, worship and the importance of honouring our conscience.

Fixing our eyes on God

Take time to meditate on God's holiness and how worthy he is to be worshipped. A great song with the focus on worshipping God and being filled with his love that changes us and the way we love people around us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLSDBG1OcGE>

Opening God's word

Read together 1 Corinthians 8

V 1-3

Why is Paul talking about love and knowledge the way he does before going into the subject of food sacrificed to idols?

V 4-6

Why does Paul spend time and thought on addressing this subject of food sacrificed to idols even though 'An idol is nothing at all in the world'?

V 7+12 - What do you think it means to violate/defile one's conscience, and what is it with this that makes Paul warn us so strongly against it?

V 9-13

Can you think of situations in life where you might be in danger of leading others to fall by them following your example?

V 11-13

What does it do to you knowing that this is how Jesus identifies with each one (see also Matthew 25:40), and in light of this, do you think you would be able to come to the same conclusion as Paul?

Time to pray

Take a moment to reflect on your own life in light of the challenges Paul gives us in this chapter. Depending on what comes up, spend time ministering to each other and pray for grace to live a life that honours God and draws people closer to Him.