

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Sermon At a Glance

True Christian maturity is not measured by knowledge alone but by love that builds up. In Christ, our freedom must always be guided by love for God and care for others, so that unity in the church is preserved and the Gospel is advanced.

Ice Breaker 1

Describe your perfect day off?
What will you do, what will you eat, etc.?

1

Ice Breaker 2

What is one subject or hobby you like to “geek out” over?

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Gray Areas

What are some modern “gray areas” (like meat offered to idols in Corinth) where believers may disagree? How can we handle those disagreements without dividing the church?

1

Knowledge & Love

In *1 Corinthians 8:1* (please read) Paul contrasts “*knowledge that puffs up*” with “*love that builds up*.” What does this tell us about the danger of knowledge without love? How can we recognize when we’ve crossed that line?

2

Freedom that Hurts

Can you think of a time when your freedom or preferences as a Christian could have caused someone else to stumble? How might you handle that situation differently today?

3

Freedom vs. Responsibility

In *Romans 8:9–13* (please read), Paul warns that liberty must not become a stumbling block. What does this teach us about the relationship between Christian *freedom* and Christian *responsibility*?

4

Common Themes

Compare Paul’s teaching in *1 Corinthians 8* with *Romans 14:13–21* (please read). What common themes do you see about *conscience*, *unity*, and *love* within the church?

5

Help Through the Change

Growth in a church often brings *change* and often *discomfort*. How can we help others through that change?

6

What Did You See?

In the churches you have attended, what changes did you observe from growth? What were people’s attitude toward those changes? How did you take the change?

7

Love Over Rights

“*Love should supersede our rights*.” What would it look like for you to put this principle into practice in your family, workplace, or church this week?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMS AT DESERT HILLS

September 10 | 9-11AM

*All moms and kids of all ages invited
Register at deserthills.church or on the
church app.*

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays at 6PM

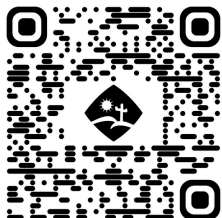
*If you're tired of holding everything
together on your own, this gathering is
for you.*

SQUAD SUNDAY

September 14 | 8:45 & 10:30AM

*Find the serve team that you are
passionate about and discover how
God can use you to make a difference.*

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MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

The Dunlop Family, Michael, Jessica, Amelia, Jack, and Claire, serve with Baptist Mid-Missions in Bordeaux, France. They found Christmastime to be beautiful in France. Despite Christmas being stripped of all theological significance there, it did provide new opportunities to testify to their faith in Jesus. Contact info: thefamilydunlop@gmail.com

Praises

- *Jessica passed her first Biblical Counseling class in French*
- *Michael successfully preached his first sermon in French*
- *Clear examples of God's provision*
- *Coworker Charity's arrival*

Prayer Requests

- *Safe travels in the States after nearly two years*
- *Michael's upcoming preaching/speaking opportunities*
- *Evangelism opportunities at the university and beyond*
- *Charity's housing search*