
Remember:

*“Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.”*
Romans 12:12

MiniChurch Discussion Questions

Paraphrase or summarize main thought:

How God spoke to me personally:

My commitment:

Analysis Questions:

- What is the main idea of this passage?
- What does it teach me about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
- Is there a command for me to obey?
- Is there an example for me to follow?
- Is there a sin I should avoid?
- Is there a promise I can claim? Is it conditional?
- Is there a warning I should heed?

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Food, Family, and Freedom

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

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I. Knowledge, Love, and God (vv. 1-3)

¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

- 1 John 4:19

- John 14:21

- 1 Cor. 13:13

Main Point 1:

*The greatest measure of Christian maturity is not
our _____ but our _____.*

II. Knowledge, Idols, and God (vv. 4-6)

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”

⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Paul quotes the Corinthians twice in verse 4:

How did their “knowledge” justify their freedom?

Does Paul agree or disagree with their statements?

Does he agree with the *application* of their statements?

Why does Paul get so theological in verses 5 and 6?

Main Point 2:

Christian _____ is grounded in Christian _____.

III. Knowledge, Conscience, and Christ (vv. 7-13)

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

- Rom. 14:23

- Matt. 10:42, 25:40

- Matt. 18:6, Luke 17:1-2

Common Errors:

- Legalism vs. License

- Separation vs. Syncretism

Main Point 3:

Christian love always prioritizes the _____ of _____.