

1 Corinthians

*A love affair
with problems*



Life Group Notes – Week Nine

Icebreaker: What is the worst thing you have ever eaten?

Read 1 Corinthians 8

- Paul says in verse 1 that “knowledge puffs up while love builds up”, how is being ‘built up’ different to being ‘puffed up’?
- Is Paul saying knowledge is bad? Can we be saved by love without knowledge?
- What do you think Paul is saying in verse 2?
- In verse 3 Paul brings into question the Corinthian’s love for God, what do you think caused him to do this?
- Does the Corinthian’s attitude towards their fellow believers reflect Jesus’ attitude? (See John 4:19, 10:11, 15:13)
- What image does Paul present of God in verse 6? Why is this important when thinking about other idols in our life? Have you noticed any idols in your own life, or the lives of those around you?
- Look again at verse 7 – not many of our consciences would be offended by eating meat sacrificed to idols. What else may affect our conscience?
- How might we cause someone to stumble (verse 9)?
- Look again at verse 11, what does Paul mean when he says that our weak brother or sister is ‘destroyed’?
- What sorts of things do you see people being set free from when they come to faith? How can we help them remain free?
- What do you think Paul means when he says “you sin against Christ” (verse 12)?
- Read verse 13 what can we learn from Paul attitude here?
- Fill in the blank with a modern day example:
Therefore, if _____ causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never _____ again, so that I will not cause them to fall.