

1 Corinthians - United in Differences

Text: 1 Corinthians 8-10

Purpose: Christians come from all different backgrounds. Some have grown up in churches; others have just begun their faith in Christ as senior adults. Some are calling St Charles County home for a season; others call it home, period. As you might imagine, these dynamics (and more) lead to many differences between people who name the same Jesus as savior. Is that a bad thing? No! But it does come with unique challenges.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul addresses believers who were letting their differences diminish their witness. He wants them to see that, because of Jesus, they can and should remain united.

Opening Interaction: Who are “your people?” What makes being with them meaningful or comforting? What do you do when you feel like someone doesn’t like you?

Read and Discuss:

- In these passages, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?
 - What is the author communicating to the audience?
 - What does this passage teach us about God?
1. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. Describe how Paul views a believer’s conscience.
 2. Have you ever experienced being questioned for your conscience?
 3. Read 1 Corinthians 9:12b & 15. What is significant about Paul setting aside his rights?
 4. What feelings do you experience when you do not get what you deserve?
 5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, 28-33. How does discernment help a believer?
 6. Do you need discernment in any way today? Can the group pray with you?

Calvary Season of Prayer: Anticipation

We should anticipate the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with our friends, family and coworkers. How should we pray to these ends?

- In this season of anticipation, please continue to pray and ask God to heal and energize our church.
- Also pray with anticipation for ...
 - Opportunity to share the good news of Jesus
 - Boldness to make the good news of Jesus known
 - Kindness to make the good news of Jesus heard