

## **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