

God's Beautiful Messy Church
Week's Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
Discussion Guide: August 21, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.
- 1 Corinthians 10:14

- In what way was it helpful to consider "what table you are sitting at" this past week?

OPEN:

- As Paul concludes his discussion on food sacrificed to idols, he ends with what could be considered "rules of engagement."
 - o What are "rules of engagement" and in what areas of your life have you had "rules of engagement?"

READ and ASK: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

- In what way is a Christian free in Christ?
 - o What should be our primary filter before exercising our freedom?
 - o What does it mean for a person's freedom to be judged by another person's conscience?
 - Can our conscience ever run contrary to what God has revealed in scripture?
- Verses 27-33 describe what a believer should do in a relationship with an unbeliever. Do you act differently around Christians and non-Christians? If so, in what situations? (keep in mind 1 Corinthians 9:22)
 - o What significance does Paul's precedence for non-believers have for your life? How does it challenge you?
 - o How does it impact the way you view your freedom in Christ?
 - o How does it relate to texts like Luke 5:29-32 or Luke 19:1-10?
 - o How may seeking the good of other people lead to their salvation?
- What "rules of engagement" does Paul give in this text?
- What does it mean to eat and drink for the glory of God?
 - o What significance is there that Paul adds "or whatever you do" in verse 31?

- What can you learn from a fellow Christian who is following Christ?

APPLY:

- How comfortable are you in saying, "imitate me as I imitate Christ"? If you aren't comfortable, what is holding you back?
 - o How can you grow in a way that you could make such a statement?
- NEXT STEP: What can you do to live out 1 Corinthians 10:31 in your life?

Memory Work:

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 11:2-16