



The BIG question about meat?

THEN: Is it wrong to eat meat that was once offered to an idol?

TODAY: Is it wrong to _____?

1. **An idol is _____ - but not everyone knows that.**

1 Corinthians 8:1-8, 1 Timothy 1:5-7, 1 John 4:19-5:3

A. _____ trumps knowledge.

B. Freedom has two boundaries:

1. God's _____

2. Love for others

2. **Love & _____ for others should guide our freedom.**

1 Corinthians 8:9-13, 1 Corinthians 10:23-26

A. Believers must be careful that what they do (such as eating sacrificial meat) does not cause others... to _____.

B. Who's in the crowd, and how do we treat them?

3. **How Paul applied these principles to his own ministry**

1 Corinthians 9:1-23

A. He chose personal sacrifice over personal _____.

B. "It's not what I can gain, but _____ I can gain."

C. Beware of the two extremes: Legalism vs. Excess Liberty

4. **FEAR & _____**

1. Never participate in the actual worship of another god or idol.

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

2. Don't _____ about indirect "spiritual contamination."

1 Corinthians 10:23-26

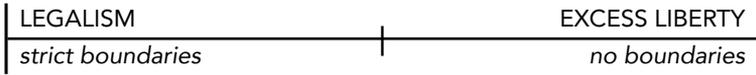
3. Adjust your actions based on who you are with.

1 Corinthians 10:27-33, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from June 5, 2022

1. When you were young, where did the family you grew up in tend to land on the continuum below? How does this compare with your current family?



2. As you think of people who have influenced your desire to be a Christian, what things did they do that you appreciated?

Can you think of anything that people did that had a negative impact on you?

3. We all should strive to be a “strong Christian” when it comes to how we handle gray areas. How do the following verses describe the attitude and actions of a “strong Christian?” Read **Romans 14:19-21** & **Romans 15:1-3**.

4. We saw in **1 Corinthians 9** how far Paul was willing to go to reach people with the Gospel. His willingness was based on his understanding that people are spiritually lost without Christ. What do we learn about Jesus’ attitude about lost people in **Matthew 9:35-38**?

5. Is there a gray area Christ talked about (or one of your own) that you’ve struggled with by being either too legalistic or allowing yourself too much liberty?

Is there anything related to this struggle for which you’d like prayer?

6. In response to this weekend’s teaching and study, does anyone come to mind that you’d like to impact spiritually in taking a step closer to Jesus?

If so, can you think of anything you could do or say that might help that happen?