



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | IT'S NOT ABOUT ME!

WARM-UP QUESTION

- What's a decision you've made that seemed small at the time, but ended up having a bigger impact on someone else than you expected?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

- Verse one says, "But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church." How can we ensure that love, not knowledge or what we know, guides our relationships with others? What are practical ways to show love, even when we know we're right?
- Paul emphasizes that idols are not real gods and that "there is only one God, the Father." How does knowing this truth help us approach situations where people are devoted to false beliefs or practices? How can we remain focused on our mission in these environments?
- Some believers struggle with past associations, seeing "idols" as real. In light of this, how do our actions—especially ones that seem harmless—impact those who are still growing in their faith? Can you think of a time when you had to be mindful of how your choices affected someone else's spiritual walk?
- Paul says that when we encourage others to violate their conscience, we "are sinning against Christ." How does this change the way we view seemingly insignificant actions? What should guide us as we make decisions, especially in morally neutral areas?
- Are there any personal habits or activities that you feel might confuse or harm a newer believer's understanding of faith? How can you lovingly adapt your behavior to protect them? "What role does humility play in this?"

Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

- Paul warns against idolatry, urging believers to flee from it. What are modern-day idols that might tempt us, even if they don't look like ancient religious practices? How can we identify and distance ourselves from these?
- What are some ideas or methods you can develop that can help you become aware of those things that you treat as idols?



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Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

- Paul says, "You say, 'I am allowed to do anything'—but not everything is good for you." How does this challenge us to think beyond what is merely permissible and focus on what is wise? How can we apply this principle to areas like entertainment, social activities, or personal habits?
- "Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others." How can we practically live out this principle, particularly in areas where our actions might influence others? What does it look like to prioritize others' spiritual well-being over our own preferences?
- "Whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." What changes can we make to our everyday decisions so that everything we do brings glory to God?

RESPOND

- **Application:** What's one area of your life where you realize your actions might affect someone else's spiritual walk? How will you adjust your choices to reflect both wisdom and love for others?
- **Action Step:** Identify a specific behavior this week where you can choose to make a wise decision that considers the well-being of others. Share it with the group for accountability.
- **Prayer:** Close in prayer, asking God for wisdom to make choices that honor Him and build up others, and for love to guide your interactions with fellow believers, especially those who may be newer or weaker in the faith.