

Community Group Notes

Getting Started

Have you ever “given something up” in your life – a habit, an activity, a food or beverage, or something like that? Why did you do it, and how did it go?

Talking It Through

1. Review the sermon from Sunday: Re-read the text (I Corinthians 8:1-13) and review the main sermon points from your notes. What was it about?
2. On Sunday Pastor Jay said, “Knowledge without humility is dangerous.” What did he mean by that? Does that mean that knowledge is bad or that ignorance is a good thing? Have you ever been hurt by unfiltered knowledge or blessed by graciously applied knowledge? Can something be both gracious AND blunt?
3. Think about the specific cultural example in this week’s text. What might each “side” have been thinking – the “eaters” and the “non-eaters”? What reasons might each have given for their choice?
4. While Paul does have an opinion on the issue of eating food offered to idols, what is his bigger concern? We live in a “I-have-my-rights” cultural setting. How does Paul’s bigger concern clash with my freedom to exercise my “rights”? Or does it?

Taking It Further & Taking It Home

5. Go back & read Romans 14, a text on a similar topic addressed to Christians in a different city. What similarities do you see? What different emphases appear?
6. THINK: Are you a “rights-oriented” person? In what areas might your family or church relationships or work life be improved if you learned more about joyfully yielding your rights for the sake of God’s work in others?

Time to PRAY

(Or do this at the beginning of your group time)

Take time to share prayer requests that relate to the people in your group, and then pray for those needs.

Next Sunday: February 25, 2018

“Privilege Comes with Responsibility”

(I Corinthians 9:1-18)

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