

## Scripture this week:

### 1 Corinthians 10:14 -11:1

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup> I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup> Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? <sup>19</sup> What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup> No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. <sup>21</sup> You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup> Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? <sup>23</sup> "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup> Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. <sup>25</sup> Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. <sup>26</sup> For "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." <sup>27</sup> If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

## Scripture this week:

### 1 Corinthians 10:14 -11:1 cont.

<sup>28</sup> But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— <sup>29</sup> I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? <sup>30</sup> If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? <sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup> just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. <sup>1</sup> Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

## Doing All for the Glory of God

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Paul calls us to, *"do all to the glory of God"*. How do we do that? Paul unpacks how we can live to maximize His glory being displayed in and through us.

**We avoid anything that is associated with evil spiritual influences.**

**We live in consideration of others' spiritual lives.**

**We live to bring glory to God.**

## Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 10:14 - 11:1

### Reading the Text:

1. Immediately following *'No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man,'* Paul says in v.14, *'Therefore ...free from idolatry.'* What specific temptation is Paul still addressing?
2. In vv. 16-21, Paul makes a comparison between communion and eating food offered to idols. What is the comparison (how are they alike)? How does Paul use this comparison to dissuade the Corinthians from eating food offered to idols?
3. In vv. 23-30, what are the specific situations Paul includes, and what is his advice to the Corinthian believers in those eating situations?
4. At the end of Chapter 10 (vv. 31-33), Paul gives a summary. How would you say it in your own words?

### Knowing the Full Picture:

5. Read Colossians 3:12-17 and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Together, with our current section of 1 Corinthians, how can these passages help us live out and promote a less self-centered Christianity?

### Living It Out:

6. Does this reading of vv. 16-21 change the way you look at taking communion? If so, how?
7. *'Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.'* What is the healthy balance for us between seeking our needs and the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ?
8. As we apply this to Life Groups, are they primarily for us or for others? What's the healthy balance? What are healthy ways we can focus our attention outward - to others in the Life Group? To those at RCC, outside the Life Group? To those outside RCC?