

1 CORINTHIANS

gospel formed freedom

DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW FOR PART 1:

Join us as we walk through the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We'll see the many cultural similarities between the pacific northwest and ancient Greece, as well as be challenged in how we are designed to live out the gospel through the local church.

In the third mini-series we will see how God designs our freedoms to be for His glory and the good of others.

PART 3: WEEK THREE **The Glory of God and the Gain of Others**

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

BIG IDEA: Kingdom freedom is to live for the glory of God and gain of others.

In this passage, we'll watch as Paul tries to once again, course correct the Corinthian church. They've taken something Paul had taught earlier and taken a particular phrase out of context that they now are using that to live lives that are destroying the church from within as well as their witness to the world. They're using this phrase **to live everyday in a false freedom, what bible scholars call licentiousness...**(same root as the word license). Paul in this passage is deconstructing their false freedom, and pointing them toward true freedom. Because we serve a King of freedom.

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

1. What can we learn about who God is and what He desires for his kids to do from these verses (other than He made the earth...that one is too easy)?
2. Why would shaping the way someone makes decisions rather than giving them rules to follow be more helpful for their discipleship?
3. How do we balance living for others and being imprisoned by the actions and thoughts of others?
4. Do you personally struggle more with legalism (judging others harshly and holding yourself and others to rules not explicitly given by God) or with licentiousness (permissive recklessness or lack of consideration of your actions on others)?
5. Are there any freedoms that Christ would maybe have you use differently (or not at all) right now? What steps would you take to do that?