



*Complete these question BEFORE your Growth Group meets and then use your answers in discussion.*

## *1 Corinthians 8 Knowledge & love*

### **TO PONDER:**

*What do you think of the statement, "Knowledge is power"?*

The next "Corinthian issue" Paul responds to is food sacrificed to idols.

### ***Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3***

What might you suppose was the Corinthians' position on knowledge?

What is Paul's position on knowledge?

How might each position be "seen" in our church here & now ?

### ***Read 1 Corinthians 8:4-6***

What truths about God does Paul declare?

What does this mean for idols and the worship of them ?

How is this knowledge helpful?

How might this knowledge puff up?

## ***Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-13***

The apostle describes some within the Corinthian church with a "weak conscience".

What can we learn about them?

What is the true knowledge about the role of food in our relationship to God?

How can such true knowledge damage another a Christian?

What is Paul's challenge about the way we might use "this right of yours" that some of the Corinthians thought they had?

Should a Christian eat at "an idol's temple"? Why or why not?

*What do we learn of the way of Christ when it comes to knowledge in these verses?*

*Although we might not be in precisely the same situation as the Corinthian Christians back there & then, how might the teaching of this passage apply to us here & now?*

*How is Christ the model & source of this teaching?*

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*What questions do you have from this passage?*

\* Pray about the issues God's Spirit has raised in his Word in this passage.