



Sunday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

## A free supper?

1 Corinthians 8

- A familiar church
- Dealing with real life questions
- Pop(ular) Idol...

●When knowing isn't knowing—v1-2

●Real knowledge—v3

●What we need to know—v4-6

●The role of conscience—v7-8

●How to destroy a Christian brother! - v9-11

●How 'know-alls' make sinners—v12

●Free to be self-controlled—v13

●Free!

**Conversation starter:**

What is your favourite restaurant, and why?

## Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

1. What things 'looked like' the biggest change in your lifestyle when you became a Christian? Why?
2. Read chapter 8 again. Try and imagine living in Corinth and hearing it for the first time. How would you react? What would you like and what would you not like?
3. What is an idol? Define what it might be today for us.
4. Think about your day today. What have been the 'touchpoints' with the idols of today? How has your behaviour avoided (or not) these idols?
5. Are there 'other gods' (v4-6.)? Is it possible to be a Christian and acknowledge other gods?
6. Summarise the guiding principles of freedom in v8-13 together. What does Christian freedom look like in practice?
7. Try and answer the summary question—is it OK for me to eat meat sacrificed to an idol?
8. How much do we live considering the interests of others above our own. Are there places where doing this really costs us?
9. Are there areas of sin we need to confess (together)?

Pray for one another!

