

Sunday October 29th 2017

Free from Idolatry

1 Corinthians 10v14-22

•Dainty Christianity?

•No place for the Loner?

•Free to flee (v14-15)

- **In Partnership**

- **Partners in Jesus' body & blood (v16)**

- **Partners with one another (v17)**

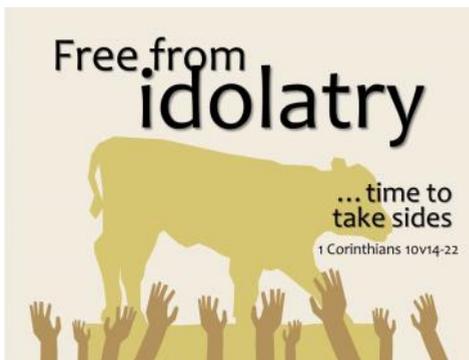
•Partners with demons...?! (v18-20)

•Partners of one damage the other (v21)

•Time to take sides (v22)

Conversation starter:

What do most people think is the source of evil in the world?



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.

It is important to be sensitive to different people's experience, background and perspectives on some of the issues tackled in these verses. Growth groups are not an environment to argue our view but to learn together.

1. How conscious are we that our Christian faith is something we need to live in partnership with others? Do we tend to be individual lone rangers and if so how is this seen?
2. What does it mean to 'participate in the blood... and body of Jesus'?
3. When we gather together as a church (and particularly when we share communion), how should v17 shape our motivation and attitudes towards each other. How can we better be 'one body'? Where do we do this badly?
4. In your Christian life do you have any experience of 'demons' at work? How much has what the Bible says shaped your understanding of this?
5. In the verses, what does being 'participants with demons' mean? (Note—Paul doesn't 'go' where lots of our worlds modern day thinking goes. Limit yourself to what it does mean in the context.)
6. In what ways does our personal conduct affect others in the church (v21)?
7. Practically, what might it mean to 'take sides' with the Lord?

Pray for one another