

DISCUSSION GUIDE
JULY 8 & 9

BROKEN

A STUDY IN 1 CORINTHIANS

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I CORINTHIANS 8-10 | WEEK 5

Pre-Session Question

1. This weekend we watched the DeBoard's *Unfinished* story. What was encouraging or challenging about their story? Where are you in your *Unfinished* journey and what has been easier or more difficult than you expected? What steps do you need to take?

Opening Questions

1. This weekend Pastor Hutchison covered three chapters in 1 Corinthians: [chapter 8](#), [chapter 9](#), and [chapter 10](#). What is one question or topic you would like answered or have more explanation?
2. Is there a freedom you have willingly given up? What freedoms do you find hardest to give up? Why?
3. Name two or three people who have positively impacted your life and describe how your life has changed because of them.

In the Word

1. Read 1 Corinthians chapters 8, 9, and 10 all at once or by chapter.
2. In [8:1-3](#), what does Paul mean when he says "love is more important than knowledge" and how should this guide Christians?
3. How do [verses 8:4-6](#) help in dealing with food offered to idols?
4. In light of what Paul writes in [8:7-13](#), how can a supposedly stronger Christian sin against a weaker Christian today?
5. In [chapter 9](#), why does Paul say he has decided not to make use of his rights?
6. In [9:22](#) Paul says, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." What are examples of how you've seen this verse applied in wrong and right ways?

7. In [chapter 10:1-13](#), how does Paul use his review of the Exodus as a warning to the Corinthians?
8. In [10:6-10](#), what kinds of desires led to Israel's downfall in the wilderness?
9. In [10:23-30](#), Paul describes times when meat offered to idols should not be eaten. What are those times? What reasons does he give here for refraining?
10. In [10:31-33](#) and [11:1](#), what final principle does Paul use to guide Christian behavior in gray areas?

Making It Personal

1. What personal rights do you need to surrender in order to serve the cause of the gospel?
2. What things draw Christians away from following God today? What draws you away?
3. What moral gray areas do you find yourself dealing with regularly? How do you respond?
4. [Verse 10:13](#) is a well-known and beautiful promise. When has God provided a way out of temptation for you? In what way are you facing temptation today?

Continued Learning

1. N.T. Wright in his study of 1 Corinthians says this: "Christian freedom is not freedom to do what you like, but freedom FROM all the things that stop you from being the person God wants you to be, which is freedom for the service of God and the gospel." Do you agree or disagree with his statement? Give an example from your own life. Spend time in the group praying for one another.

Additional Notes