

# A Better Way: Disputable Matters

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Life Group Questions – May 20, 2018



## Connect

What are some “gray issues” you are passionate about? Why?

## Study

1. Read **John 17:15-16**. What two extremes is Jesus praying against here? Which one do you lean towards? How do you know? How does this prayer relate to His larger prayer for unity?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**. In your own words explain the situation Paul is writing about (and what situations he is *not* writing about). Who are the two parties involved? How does Paul make his argument?
3. Though this particular situation (food sacrificed to idols) may not be relevant to our situation today, what are some similar issues in our context?
4. What are the four timeless principles we can glean as Christians from this passage on how to approach these disputable matters? Which one most stands out to you? Why?
5. Are there “black-and-white” issues (clear in the Bible) that some try to make “gray” today? What are they? How do we deal with those in grace and truth?
6. Do you know where your weaknesses are when it comes to the slippery-slope of sin? Why is violating our conscience in those areas so dangerous?
7. Living in a country that values “my rights” above almost all else, how does Paul remind us, and the Corinthians, about our responsibility to the *community* we are a part of? Is it difficult for you to set aside your knowledge of what is right for the sake of relating rightly to someone else? Why?
8. The title of this message series is called, *A Better Way*. What is the “better way” Paul points to in this chapter (and throughout the letter)? How is laying aside our freedom in love really the freest thing we can do? Do you believe this?
9. What is one application you know the Lord is asking you to make as a result of this passage?

## Pray

Pray for yourself and for the church to choose the *better way* when it comes to disputable matters so that we may maintain unity as God’s people in this world.