



# Sermon Discussion Guide




## How Then Shall We Live: Choose Love

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 Summarize in your own words the context of this passage involving meat sacrificed to idols. Had you ever heard of this in the Bible before?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### CHOOSE LOVE OVER ARROGANCE

- 3 Why do people not like "know-it-alls"? Have you ever been accused of being a know-it-all? Discuss the following quotes: "The truly knowledgeable know how little they know," and "Do not over value a head full of knowledge".
- 4 The Bible says we should be slow to speak. With whom, or in what situations, should we be slow to speak? How would your most challenging relationship be different if you were slower to speak?

## CHOOSE LOVE OVER ASSIMILATION

- 5 Define “syncretism”. How have you been guilty of this?
- 6 What are the idols of our day and age? How are you pushing back against them? What are you doing to resist them?

## CHOOSE LOVE OVER SELF-OBSESSION

- 7 Have you ever cared more about your rights than another person’s well being?
- 8 Has our culture become more self-centered or less self-centered in recent history? Why or why not?
- 9 Read Romans 15:1-3. How does the gospel empower you to choose love over self-obsession?

## **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?