

Are You a Stumbling Block Or a Stepping Stone?

A study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians, called "Deep Church"

1. What's the _____?

"Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the man who loves God is known by God."

1 Corinthians 8:1-3

2. What's the truth about _____?

"So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one."

1 Corinthians 8:4

3. Are you a _____?

"Food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge."

1 Corinthians 8:8-11

4. How can you be a _____?

"When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall in to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall."

1 Corinthians 8:12-13

Questions

1. What are the things that replace Jesus as #1 in your life?
2. What are the gray areas in your life?
3. Has anyone's faith ever tripped over your lifestyle?
4. How can you help people get closer to Jesus?

FOR NEXT WEEK: READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9 & 10