

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS
For Sunday, January 29, 2012's Sermon

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=194507577>

Sermon Series: None

Sermon Title: "Christian Freedom"

Question: What does it mean to be free?

Synopsis: True freedom is the freedom to say "yes" and the freedom to say "no." We are given freedom to enjoy life, but such freedom should be tempered by our concern for others in our church community.

Featured Scripture: "Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him." – **1 Corinthians 8:1-3**

Opening Icebreaker: Share about a particular "taboo" you used to believe as a child. (i.e. – ideas you used to believe but have since outgrown. These might pertain to race, gender, social class, health, food etc.)

Additional Question: How did your faith impact how you perceived these taboos? (i.e. – How did your faith shape and change the way you viewed the world around you?)

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- Read **Daniel 1**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=194507621> What stands out to you about this passage? What questions does it raise? What does it tell you about the significance of food? What does it tell you about Daniel and his friends?
- Read **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=194507577> What words or phrases stand out to you when you read this story? What does it tell you about the significance of food? What does it tell you about Paul?
- Read **Colossians 2:20-23**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=194507662> How does this passage compliment what was read in the previous passages?

How is God speaking through Scripture?

- What is the "Good News" in these passages of Scripture?
- After discussing and pondering these passages, how do these passages affect me? (i.e. - How are these passages speaking to me?)

God's word

- What is God's invitation to you?

A prayer

God, thank you for the freedom we have in your son Jesus. Help us to live out our freedom responsibly, considering the needs and weaknesses of others.