

SERMON NOTES

Date: May 13, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: Liberty and Love

Text: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Big Idea: Christian maturity is defined not by how much you know, but by how much you love, and love for others should guide the exercise of Christian liberty.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

What are your most important rights? Would anything cause you to give them up? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. Paul's reference to knowledge in verses 1 and 2 ties in with the contrast he draws in chapters 1 and 2 between human wisdom and divine wisdom. Both wisdoms have practical consequences and especially when it comes to how we relate to others. Identify as many differences as you can. _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How important is it to obey your conscience? How may your conscience be instructed and informed so that it convicts you of the right things? (There are many references to conscience in the New Testament such as Acts 24:16; Rom. 2:15; 9:1; 13:5; 2 Cor. 1:12; Heb. 9:14.) _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Although meat offered to idols is unlikely ever to be a problem to us, what similar problems do we have over matters about which Christians' consciences have different views? _____

If some in our church resisted the thought of being influenced by the weaker conscience of others, saying, 'Why should I curtail my liberty for someone else?' how would you answer them? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Is there anything you are doing that might be a "stumbling block" to another Christian? What will you do about this? _____
