



### 3. Freedom #3: The freedom to bless brothers and sisters who think differently (1 Corinthians 10:28-11:1)

## Table Talk

- 1) What is the usual way that we define “freedom”? How does Paul see freedom in a different way? How are you helping others move closer to God? What non-essentials might hinder that today, just as the issue of food offered to idols hindered it in Corinth? How can you seek the good of your neighbor? (vv. 23-24)
- 2) Why is it important not to make everything a matter of conscience and a moral issue? What is the freedom that Paul gives in verse 25? Why? (see v. 26) In verse 27, Paul presumes that believers eat in unbelievers’ homes. How much do you think that happens (outside of family get togethers) today? What possible matters of conscience are raised today in eating in the home of an unbeliever?
- 3) How should believers respond when other believers have a different view of conscience in a non-essential matter? (vv. 29b-30)
- 4) What kind of person is the one who warns about the food in verse 28? A believer? The host? An unbeliever? Why should you not eat the meat if you are told that it was sacrificed to an idol? (vv. 28-29)
- 5) What is the conclusion on freedoms? (v. 31) What does it mean to “do all to the glory of God”? What are some ways that we can do our best to “give no offense” while still enjoying our freedoms in Christ? (vv. 32-33) What is the point of pleasing people? How is that different from being a people pleaser?