

Church Gone Wild – Stop Fighting for Your Rights

Weekend Discussion Questions

October 11-12, 2014

Community:

1. What's a time in your life where you fought for something you perceived as a right? Did you win or lose?
2. What are areas where you've looked for loopholes or looked to do the absolute minimum requirement? If you could go back, would you take it back or would you do it all over again?

Core:

1. Take some time to recap what we talked about last week as a group.
2. How is "Church Gone Wild" an accurate description of the church in Corinth?
3. In 1 Corinthians 8, Paul is writing to people who were set on exercising their right to eat food that was sacrificed to idols. Have one person in the group explain why this was such a controversial subject in the church in Corinth.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. Take some time to explain in your own words what Paul is trying to tell the Corinthians.
5. Now read chapter 9:12. What would cause Paul to not claim his right to being paid for his ministry to the Corinthians?
6. What takes more strength and maturity: running ahead and leaving someone behind, or circling back to help and bring someone along with you? Explain your answer.
7. Read verse 19. What would following Paul's example here look like in your daily life?
8. Scott brought up a question that's better than "What's my right?" or "Is it right or wrong?" The question is, "*What's the wise thing to do?*" Why is that a better question to ask?
9. Read verses 22-23. Do you think that Paul encountered people objecting to the way he lived based on this principle? What would their objections be?

Challenge:

1. Scott mentioned some pretty convicting takeaways from this week's message. What were some of them? How would you apply them in your own life?
2. Scott said that the reason we struggle to love each other well is because we are not good at being loved and receiving grace. Do you agree or disagree?
3. Take some time to pray that as a group you would be more aware and more in awe of how much God loves us.