

Epiphany 4

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-6

1. To what “knowledge” is Paul referring to?
2. What kinds of food were sacrificed to idols? How might Christians come in contact with those foods?
3. From context, how does it appear that some of the Corinthians are acting with this knowledge?
4. How does Paul set up “knowledge” and “love” as foundational key terms for what he’s addressing?
5. Is Paul saying that there are lots of “gods” in the world?
6. What Old Testament Confession is Paul referring to in v. 6? How does he tie Jesus into this Confession?

Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-13

7. How has the issue of eating food sacrificed to idols affected some in the Corinthian congregation?
8. How should the “strong” Christians act in order help their “weaker” brothers and sisters?
9. How might the “strong” Christian’s carelessness harm their fellow believers?
10. What are the lengths we should go to in order to protect and aid our fellow believers from stumbling?
11. How might we apply this passage to today’s context, given that we don’t regularly come across the specific issue of food sacrificed to idols.