



SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Sermon Series: The Cross-Shaped Life: A Study In 1 Corinthians

Sermon: "Love Builds Up "

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8

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1. Idolatry is a big concept in the Bible, but a somewhat foreign concept in our culture. What are the "gods" of our culture, both those that are explicitly religious, as well as those that are not?
2. What are different ways our culture invites us to "worship" these gods, or participate in practices that affirm them? What are the consequences for not doing so?
3. What is the "knowledge" some of the Corinthian Christians claimed to have (vv. 4-5)? How were they using it (v. 10)?
4. Even if they are right (and later Paul will offer some powerful reasons why they are not), why should they refrain from exercising their "right" to act this way (vv. 10-11)? What is the basic operating principle behind this (v. 1b)?
5. How is Jesus the ultimate example of someone giving up their rights for the sake of others? How does this motivate and empower us?