

## Magnify the LORD with Me

### Small Group Studies – Fall 2022

#### Session 2: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 “Freely Limiting Freedom”

Ice Breaker – How do you respond to the statement, “Go Along to Get Along?” What examples of this do you recall? Do you hear that statement positively or negatively?

READ 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

1. Read verse 23 & 24 out of several versions of the Bible. As a group explain this passage in your own words.

<sup>23</sup>“Everything is permissible”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible”—but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup>Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others. (NIV 1984)

<sup>23</sup>“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup>No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. (NIV 2010)

<sup>23</sup>“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup>Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. -ESV

<sup>23</sup>All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. <sup>24</sup>Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s *wealth*. KJV

2. Talk through the issue of meat sacrificed to idols in Corinth. Try to come to an agreed upon understanding what Paul meant to say to the Christians in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Corinth.
  - a. What might be some parallel issues today to the eating of meat?
3. Answer Paul’s question in vs. 29. “Why should my freedom be judged by another’s conscience?”
4. What is the difference between stumbling and being offended?
  - a. How do we deal with the situation of “everyone being offended by everything?”
  - b. How has the standard of judging something as offensive changed during your lifetime?
5. What are some issues that should be stumbling blocks?
6. When have you curtailed your own freedom to support someone else in their faith?
  - a. Are their currently freedoms you are practicing that you should curtail because they might cause someone else to stumble?