



NEWMARKET COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Connecting people with God
within authentic community
where all are welcome.*

Word Notes: Sunday 21st July 2019

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- Paul's letter to the Corinthians is a reply to a letter they sent him. In this part of his letter he responds to a problem they have mentioned about eating food that has been sacrificed to idols.
- Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- In verses 1 and 4, Paul quotes what the Corinthians said in their letter. Find these quotes and read them again.
- The Corinthians are arguing that they are free to eat whatever food they like, even food that has been sacrificed to idols. Can you explain why they think this?
- Read verse 9 again.
- How might the Corinthians exercising their right to eat whatever food they like be a stumbling block to the weak?
- Galatians 5:1 says "It was for freedom that Christ has set us free". What freedoms do we have in Christ which might be a stumbling block to others?
- How can we choose to use our freedom in a way that helps and encourages others instead of causing them to stumble?
- Take some time to pray that as a Christian community we will use our freedom to serve others needs ahead of our own.