

## Well Check wk2: Bound by Freedom

**Introduction**: Most of us think of freedom as the ability to do what we want, whenever we want, with whoever we want. But Christian freedom is better than that, in that it is freedom from sin and death; yet that freedom also is a bit of a paradox, because it calls for submission to one another.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. When you hear the word freedom, what comes to mind? Does freedom really mean that you can do whatever you want? What natural or societal limits are necessary to live freely together?
- 2. Compare the language of **1 Corinthains 6:12** and **1 Corinthians 10:23** In both cases Paul is countering an argument that was calling for "freedom." What is Paul pointing out?
- 3. Read **1 Corinthians 10:24** How is this instructive for more than just the conversation around meat sacrificed to idols? If we applied this verse, how would it impact the way we think about church?
- 4. Read **1 Corinthians 10:25-11:1** On the one hand, he says to eat with a clear conscience, and then on the other, to not eat when someone else's conscience is involved. What point is he trying to make? Are there times when we should restrict ourselves from things we are free to do because of how someone else sees it?
- 5. Verse 32 tells us to not cause anyone to stumble. How can you cause someone to stumble who isn't a believer? How can you do "everything for the Glory of God?"
- 6. Paul ends the thoughts by saying to follow his example as he follows the example of Christ. What example is he talking about? Who follows your example? How does the recognition that someone is following your example help direct your decision making?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. 1 Corinthians 10:24* **Moving Forward** – You bring God glory best, when you follow Jesus' example of service.