

3. CONSIDER OTHERS

Read 1 Corinthians 8

What stood out for you most about Kate's message this week?

- **KNOWLEDGE vs LOVE.** 'Knowledge puffs up while love builds up' (v1) Most Christians look for a church and/or preaching that will give them more knowledge, rather than help them become more loving. Do you agree/disagree?
- **IDOLS vs GOD.** Kate said that we make idols of things because we're fundamentally looking for a sense of control. Does this ring true in your experience?
- What things have the potential to be idols in your life appearance & reputation, relationships, career & progression, money, status & possessions, technology etc.? What does that look like and how do we walk away from it?
- WEAK CONSCIENCE vs INSTRUCTED CONSCIENCE. What issues have you encountered that are genuinely a matter of Christian conscience lifestyle (alcohol, clubbing etc), theology (woman leaders, gay marriage etc), practice (pacificism vs military etc)? How have these issues been handled in your experience? Avoidance, confrontation, division etc?
- **FREEDOM vs RESPONSIBILITY**. Do you agree that it's more important to be responsible to one another, than to be free to do your own thing? Does this mean we can't express ourselves/dress how we like/live as we want? What could this look like for us as a Hub?

BIG IDEA: When building kingdom communities, love and responsibility always trump knowledge and freedom.

Pray through any issues that have come up through this discussion. Pray for our community to be characterised by a greater sense of love, unity and consideration for one another, particularly the 'weakest'.