

Point Group Notes

Message from 9/22/24

Getting to know you...

1. We all have “pet peeves.” What are some things that get under your skin?
2. Why do you think it’s harder for us to relate and “do life” with people when they are the perpetrators of these “pet peeves” that annoy us? Why do you think it can be almost impossible for us to relate to people who live lives we don’t agree with at all?
3. We recognize we have pet peeves; we know it’s hard to “like” people who annoy us... How does that relate to the message of “living sacrificially to amplify the Gospel”?

Quick Review – Have a look at your sermon notes from last week. What stood out to you the most? Did you learn anything new? Did anything said leave you with any questions?

Digging Deeper...

This week's main idea is to amplify our message of Jesus’ saving work on the cross by seeking to live in community with the people around us. We all have people in our lives who need to hear the Gospel, and for some, *we might be the only person to speak*. Ensuring our message can be heard is CRITICAL. Often, that means “*becoming a Jew to win the Jews*” despite having *freedom* in Christ. Let’s take a look at a passage mentioned this Sunday and discover God’s plan for us to live in Freedom while amplifying HIS message to our community.

1 Corinthians 8:9-13 ESV

⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

1. Two words are used here. “Right” & “Knowledge.” What is being referred to in those words?



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2. In practical, 21st-century language, what is Paul talking about here? How can my freedom and knowledge be a destroyer of a person?
3. In this passage, what is being highlighted as more important? Freedom in Christ, or the spiritually vulnerable and easily influenced. How does this reflect the way Christ loves the world?

Taking it Home...

1. Right off the bat, what are some things that you're questioning in your life right now? Who might it be affecting? How can you sacrificially amplify the Gospel without becoming "legalistic" about it?
2. Obviously, it's not typical in 21st-century America to have a debate on whether we should or shouldn't eat idol worship meat. But there is still applicable truth here. What are some "freedoms" we have in Christ that could make people stumble?
3. As you think through this week's message and study, how can your group pray for you?

