

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups

7/17/11

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1 Cor. 10:23-11:1

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• *Read 10:23-27...The Bookend of Neighbor Love*

- What is so counterintuitive about what Paul is saying? How does the gospel speak to the way we really live and think about our freedoms and our ethics (how we live)?
- According to this passage how is the ethic of neighbor love to be lived out in society?
- What hinders you from living such a life? Are you a card carrying member of the Fundamental (new law party) or the liberal (gray party)? How do you steer clear of this ditches?

• *Read 10:28-30...How should Christian freedom play out where there are differences of conscience and objections?*

- How does the gospel inform the way we live in such conflicts of conscience?

• *Read 10:31-11:1....The Bookend of the Glory of God*

- *How should the glory of God govern how you interact with all of life? What is Paul saying when he says "whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God?"*
- *How do you apply this to your interaction with others? What does Paul's example teach us? What is Paul's greatest concerns?*

• *Three questions to determine If someone can follow your life and get to Christ?*

- *Are you anywhere where you can be seen and heard? (Are you engaging your world?)*
- *Where is the idol of freedom hindering the advance of the gospel? (Where do you need to put the glory of God and the love of neighbor above yourself?)*
- *Where do we as a church need to repent of seeking our own advantage over the many that may be saved?*

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