

What's at Stake with My Steak? — Pastor Ray Harms-Wiebe — 1 Corinthians 8:1-6

A WORD FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

1. Our annual **Leadership Day** is on **Saturday, September 20**. Pastor Ray and the Leadership Team will present our church's vision for discipleship, including what it means to be a disciple and how we do discipleship. If we want our church to thrive, we must be on the same page. It won't be a one-way street. We'll have breakout sessions to meet and discuss with fellow co-laborers from across Willingdon. Table facilitators will collect feedback to help church leadership hone their plans.

After the morning session, lunch will be provided to **Life Group Leader Breakout** attendees. I'll present new initiatives, like Intro to Community and a new curriculum. We'll have group discussions about what discipleship looks like in our Life Group ministry. Please sign up if you're a leader or thinking about becoming one!

Registration is free, but you'll need to sign up by September 15 so they can prep food and space. On the day, you'll pick up your lunch voucher at the check-in desk between 8:30 and 9:00.

Registration Link: <https://willingdon.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3132090>.

2. We're hosting a **Sanctuary Course**. Learn about how our church (and Life Groups) can love those with mental health challenges by offering companionship, supporting recovery, and promoting wellbeing. There are eight sessions with videos and discussions on big mental health topics. Our staff went through it in the spring and found it helpful. You'll meet on **Tuesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30, from September 16 to November 18** (except September 30 and November 11). There's a \$40 book fee. **Register ASAP while there's still space.**

Registration Link: <https://willingdon.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3083414>.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Pick and adapt any that will help your group discuss the sermon.)

Check out the Questions with Notes and Commentary to dig deeper: <http://willingdon.org/lifegroups/leaders-corner/>.

Break the Ice

1. What subject/topic do you know more about than others in your group? Can you share a fact that your group (hopefully) will find interesting?
2. Was there a fact you thought you knew, but realized was wrong?
3. Have you ever had a teacher (e.g., school, music, church) who helped you love a subject? Why?

Warm Up

4. Why was food offered to idols an issue?
5. How can knowledge "puff up"?

Dig Deeper

6. Pastor Ray said, "... an idol is anything that becomes more central and essential to your life than God. An idol captures your affections, thoughts, and energies, making it more important to you than God." What idols do you struggle with?
7. Pastor Ray said, "Sometimes we think we know more than we actually know (about politics, science, psychology, world events, sports, theology). People who know a lot are usually humble because they are

aware of how much they do not know. Our knowledge is always incomplete and flawed.” Why is it dangerous to think we know more than we really know?

- 8. Why is it important to be known by God?**
- 9. What line of the Nicene Creed stands out to you, either because it’s comforting or confusing?**