

Sermon Notes

So how do I decide in practice?

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Intro: in a world full of idolatry... should Christians retreat into a subculture?

The big principles: Imitating Jesus (and Paul)...

1. Do all to the glory of God

10:31 (cf. 8:1-6)

- a. ...definitely not engaging in idolatrous worship (10:1-22), but...
- b. ...definitely still engaging with people who worship idols (10:23-30)

2. Prioritising the eternal good of my neighbour

10:23-24, 10:32-33

- a. ...**i.e. their salvation** matters more than my comfort (10:33, cf. 9:22-23)
- b. ...so minimise cultural offence to maximise gospel opportunities (10:32, cf. 9:19-22)
- c. ...and who is my neighbour? All kinds of people! (10:32, cf. 9:20-22)

3. Applying those principles on ground level needs careful situational thinking

10:25-30

