

Hello Chapel A,

I am writing this on my phone because my computer is being odd...so I hope it all works.

I will write some exegetical notes for chapters 8-10. But as last week was difficult I need tomorrow off sick cos my ME has got the better of me.

However what I had planned was something a little different anyway and very simple!

As part of the point of the small group notes was to help people gain confidence in leading groups and Bible studies, particularly people who don't have a lot of time to read, I thought I'd try something to help everyone.

So attached to this are a number of photos of the sort of exercise I do when I plan a lesson or study.

I write key phrases and try to imagine questions that

- a) Need answering
- b) Will get people talking
- c) Help me focus my ideas about the passage

Not all questions become part of a Bible study but they are where I begin.

What I thought might work is this:

Read 1 Cor 8 and 1 Cor 10:23 to the end.

As a group spend the first half of the session thinking up your own Bible study questions together - no answers.

- Pick one of the phrases in the photos and use it to create questions and ideas
- They could be based on words, wider passage, your community, your own life. But pose them as discussion starters: open ended questions.

In the second half choose one set of questions to work through together as a Bible study.

In choosing think about which questions will open up most reflection and facilitate most discussion for your group.

You have the tools in your group to create your own Bible study. From scratch. Doing so is a good skill to have, and will hopefully help you see that you can all ask good questions and help each other think, even if we can't provide the perfect answers.

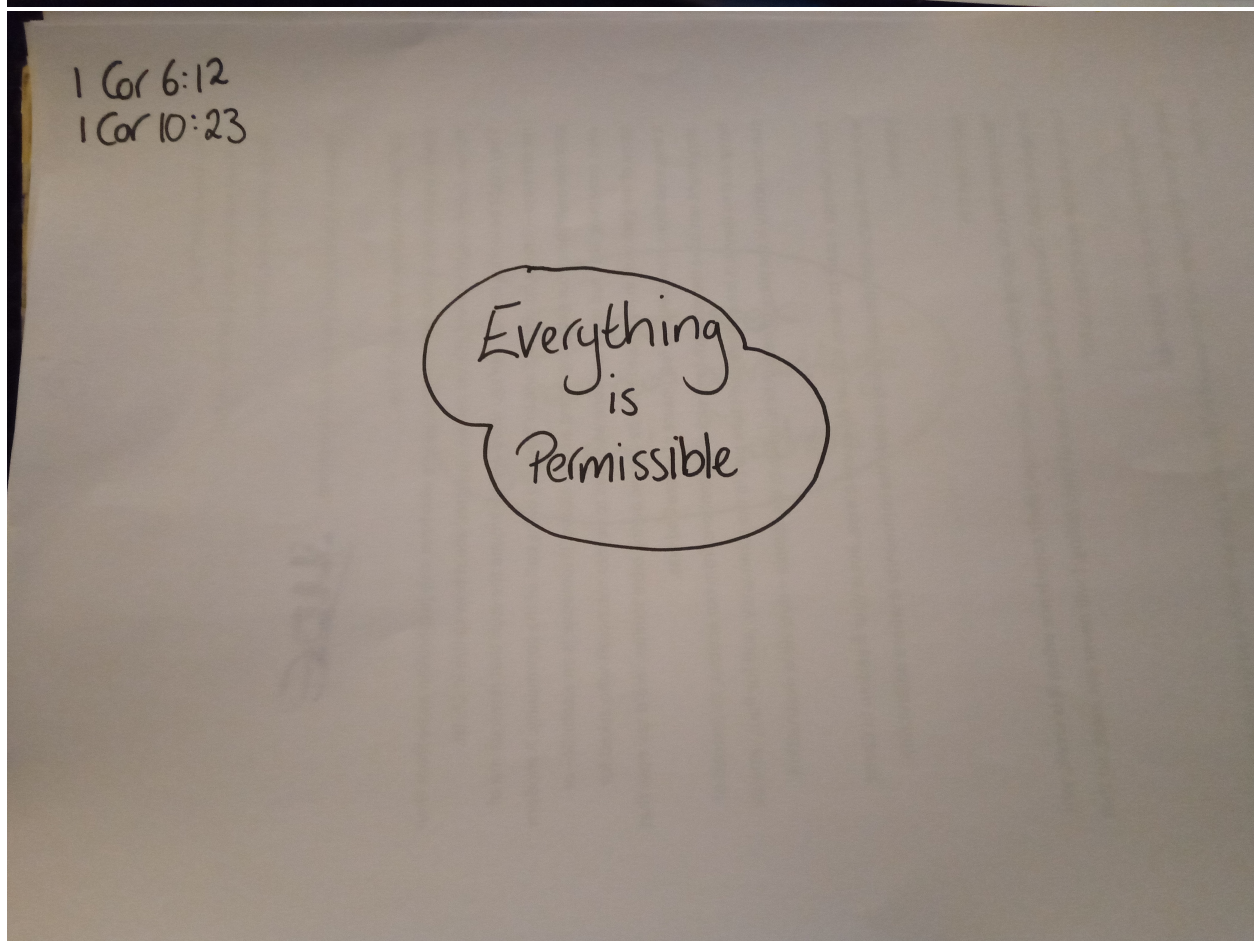
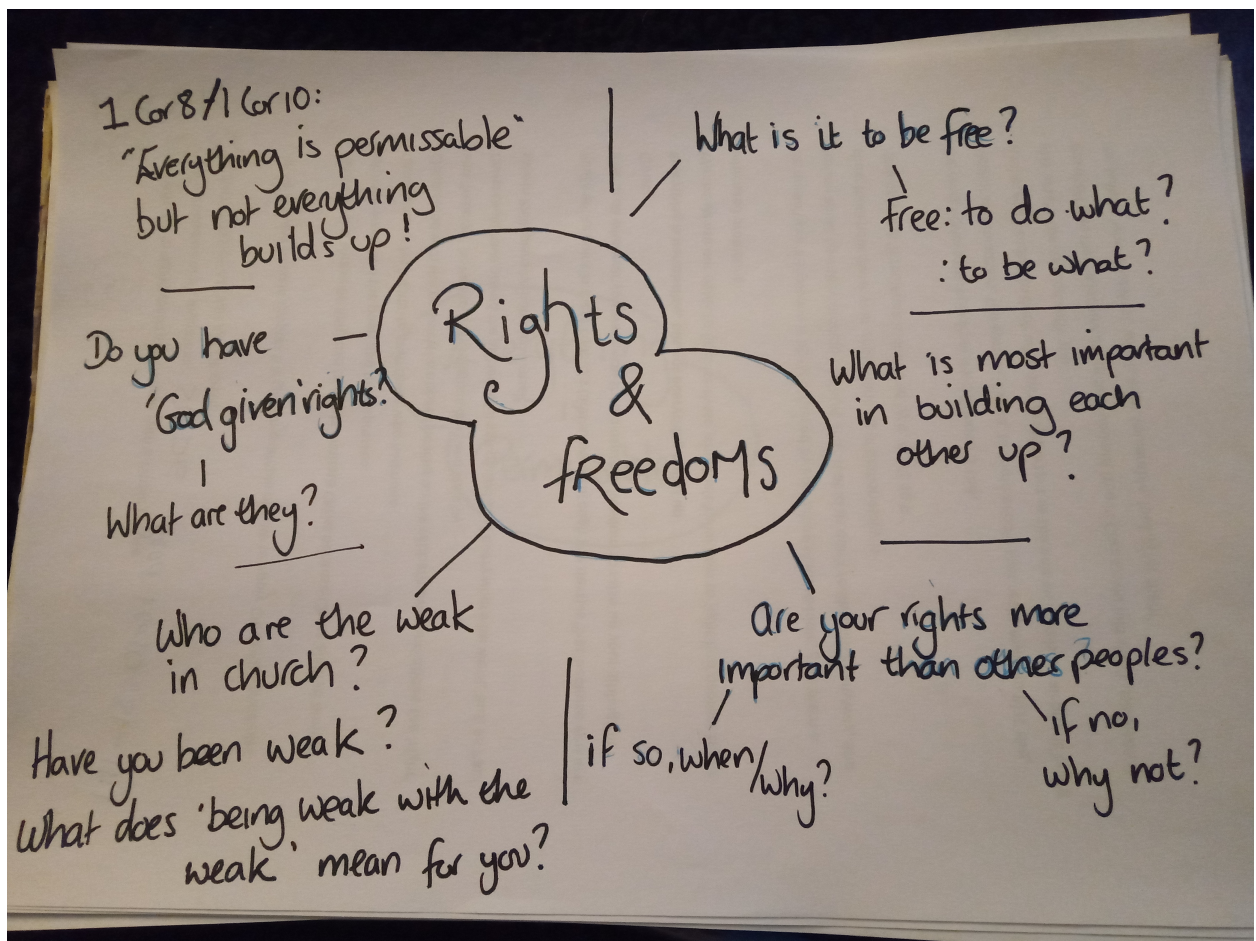
If a question needs an answer maybe you can assign someone to do that research for you and to report back? A small group can be a place of mutual investigation as much as anything else.

If this doesn't make sense do get back to me.

But I think it's a good exercise to start you creating your own study.

Have fun!

Charlotte





Do not seek  
your own advantage  
But that of others

What example  
does Paul leave?

Is it always  
good?

Be imitators  
of me,  
as I am of  
Christ

What is Christ  
like?