**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT***

* Do you often think of yourself as a strong person or a weak person? In what areas of your life do you feel strong or weak?

***DIGGING DEEPER***

* Read Romans chapters 14-15.
* What are the similarities between Romans 14-15 and 1 Corinthians 8?
* Is Paul’s response any different? What sticks out to you?

***DISCUSS***

* Have you ever had to limit your freedoms for the benefit of another?
* Is there a weaker brother/unbeliever that God is calling you to “welcome in” as Paul says in Romans 15:7?
* Was there anything in this week’s guided reading of the bible that connected to this study?

**180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible**

**Reading Plan for Week of June 10th**

**Day 171 –** Hebrews 12: Marathon Race

**Day 172 –** James 1: Walk the Talk

**Day 173 –** 1 Peter 1: Converted Coward

**Day 174 –** 2 Peter 1: Hidden Dangers

**Day 175 –** Jude: Sounding the Alarm

**Upcoming at Wave**

**Father’s Day at Wave | June 17th**

Join us for Father’s Day at Wave as we take a moment to honor the fathers and spiritual fathers who have made an impact in our lives.

**Wave Kids Move-Up Sunday | June 24th**

School’s out for summer! Wave kids get an opportunity to experience their next grade level before the fall and move up into their new classrooms.

**Wave Summer Kick Off | June 24th**

Join us at Powerhouse Park off of 15th Street in Del Mar at 4 p.m. Bring your dinner and enjoy an evening on the beach as the kids play and we watch the sunset. The perfect way to kick off summer!

**Romania Summer Missions Trip | June 24th-July 8th**

Our team of 8 from Wave will traveling to Bucharest, Romania to put on summer camps for orphaned and abandoned children. Please pray for safe travel, God’s blessings over the trip, and for hearts to respond to the gospel!

**Wave Weekly Newsletter**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill out your communication card and write newsletter, to get a weekly

email update from Wave!

MESSY CHRISTIANITY | 1 CORINTHIANS 8

“TRUE STRENGTH IN A MESSY WORLD”

WAVE CHURCH SD | JUNE 10, 2018

THE ONLY KNOWLEDGE THAT IS WORTH ANY VALUE IS THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF GOD’S LOVE.

**1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (ESV)** *1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.* ***2****If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.* ***3****But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.*

*GNOSIS (GREEK) – A PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE*

KNOWLEDGE THAT IS SEPARATE FROM LOVE LEADS TO PRIDE

KNOWLEDGE THAT IS ATTACHED TO LOVE LEADS TO HUMILITY

**FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN CHRIST**

**1 Corinthians 8:4-13 (ESV) *4****Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”* ***5****For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—* ***6****yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.* *8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 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.*

* EVERYONE’S EXPERIENCE WITH GOD IS UNIQUE.
* BOTH THE STRONG AND THE WEAK HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM… THEY HAVE KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT LOVE.

**1 Corinthians 13:2 (ESV)** *13 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*

* AS BELIEVERS WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE ANOTHER.

**Romans 15:1 (ESV)***We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU KNOW YOU ARE RIGHT**

* WELCOME THE WEAKER PARTY IN

**Romans 15:7 (ESV)***Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

* BE OPEN TO CORRECTION
* GET COMFORTABLE WITH BEING MISUNDERSTOOD
* HONOR GOD’S PACE IN THEIR LIFE

**1 Corinthians 3:7 (ESV)** *So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.*

TRUE STRENGTH IS WHEN WE WILLINGLY RESTRICT OURSELVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS