

## **1 Corinthians Message Series**

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on November 7, 2010

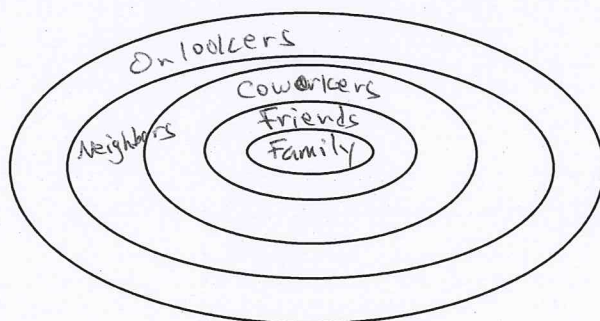
*Stepping Stones or Stumbling Blocks: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

**Big Idea: Big Idea: Live with the realization that your actions affect others.**

### **ICE BREAKER DISCUSSION**

- What is a "stumbling block"?
- Would anyone like to share a time when they were a stumbling block to someone else? Or when someone was to you? (Please don't name names.)
- Larry didn't define it, but what do you think it means to be a "stepping stone"?
- Would anyone like to share a time when someone was a stepping stone for you?

Build the sphere of influence circle on your dry erase board.



### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What is the central question for today's message? (How is my behavior affecting other people?)
- What should your root motivation be for being a stepping stone? (love for others and their spirituality.)
- What is Paul's main issue in verses 1-3? (Read the verses. Knowledge is not the most important thing. Love is.)
- What is the negative result of knowledge many times? (puffs you up. What does that mean?)
- What is the positive result of love? (builds others up. How does that play out in your life and sphere of influence?)
- Read verse 7. What is a defiled conscience and how does that relate to allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our actions?
- Larry spoke of legalism and liberalism. What issues does our church deal with in regard to the "grey" areas? (alcohol, tv watching, divorce, etc. others.)
- Why should we be careful about affecting others spiritual lives negatively? (recovery takes longer than destruction)