When Should I Confront a Christian Brother?

Is the action an issue of freedom (1 Cor. 8:1-13)?

Yes.

Is the action causing me or someone else to sin?

No.
This is an issue of liberty (1 Cor. 8:4-8). Correction is unnecessary; do not confront.

Yes.
Correction *may* be appropriate.
Proceed with caution.

- Question (gather information) and inform without accusation and in a spirit of gentleness (Gal. 6:1a).
- Go to self-examination questions.

No.
The issue is moral.

Is the issue indisputably sinful? (Is Scripture *clear* that this is a sin, or is my objection a personal preference?)

Yes.

Is the sin a repeated offense?

No. It was a one-time occurrence.
Be wise and cautious.

- If he has repented, confrontation is not necessary.
- If he has not repented, but the sin is not a pattern, it might be wise to wait for the Holy Spirit to convict (Jn. 16:8-11).

Yes.
Examine your motives in desiring to confront your brother:

(1) Are you going to him in humility (Gal. 6:1-5)?

Yes.

(2) Are you going to him with the intent of seeing him restored to Christ (Mt. 18:15; Js. 5:20)?

Yes.

You are free to confront your brother's sin.