

Week 41 - Romans Series
Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Romans 14:1-12

Discussion:

1. When you were a child, how did you settle arguments with your brother and sisters or close friends?
2. Given the Jewish dietary laws and Sabbath regulations, how might the issues Paul addresses here be causing disunity in the church at Rome?
3. What attitudes and motivations do you see here which guide our relationship toward those with whom we disagree (14:3,7,8,10)?
4. From these examples, how would you define what Paul means by “opinions” or “disputable matters” in verse 1?
5. What kind of judgment is Paul calling for? What principles here should guide us when we are dealing with differences of opinion on matters that do not violate the moral law?
6. Would you be more like the weak or the strong in this passage? Why?
7. Contemporize the issues which divide the so-called “strong” (libertarians) and “weak” (legalists): Which “gray area” issues divide your church or fellowship group? Agree on an issue to debate and role play your version of verses 2-6.

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.