

The Heart of the Matter

13. How should strong/mature believers respond to the failings of weaker/less mature believers (15:1-2)? What are some examples of this?

14. How does the example of Christ empower us in our interaction with each other (15:3-7)? What is our ultimate goal? How can eating or not eating bring glory to God?

15. Some examples of freedom areas were discussed in the message: drinking in moderation, gambling, smoking cigars/pipes/vaping, playing computer games. Are these areas of freedom? How can freedom in these areas lead another to stumble?

16. Have you ever limited your freedom because of your love for another person and your fear of them stumbling? Explain.

17. Have you ever stumbled because another Christian should have limited their freedom—and didn't?

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Life Group Study Guide

Judging Others in Areas of Freedom Romans 14:1-15:7 For the Week of December 6, 2020

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application got your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. Scripture does not address all issues. What are areas of life, habits or practices on which Christians have different opinions?
3. Would you have preferred that God had given us more or less rules on how we are to live? Why?

Digging Deeper

4. According to 14:1-3, who are the “weak” in faith? Who are the strong? Does this seem backwards to you? How are we to treat the “weak”?
5. Why would the strong look on the weak with “contempt” (v 3)? Why would the weak look on the strong in “judgment”?
6. Why does Paul not want us to pass judgment on others (v 4)? When is judgment appropriate?
7. What does “let each man be convinced in his own mind” mean (v 5)? Why is conscience important?
8. What examples are used in 14:6 in which believers had different opinions? Why do we pass judgment on others? What instructions does Paul give us to follow in dealing with others (vv 7-11)?
9. Why does Paul mention that we will give an account of ourselves to God (v 12)? What account will you give? Is there anything you are hoping you won’t have to account for?
10. How can we cause a brother in Christ to stumble (vv 13-15)? What would be unclean for us? Why shouldn’t we cause a brother to stumble?
11. What is to govern how we deal with the differing lifestyles of others (14:16-19)? Why?
12. How did what a believer eat or drink in the first century cause other believers to stumble in their faith (14:20-23; 1 Cor. 8:7-13)? How can we cause other believers to stumble today?