

Small Group Discussion Questions (Romans 14) November 1, 2018

- 1. In this chapter, Paul emphasizes the importance of maintaining unity within the Body of Christ. In a time when there seems to be much disunity among Christians, especially between churches, how are we to "pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding" (Romans 14:19)?
- 2. In an effort to maintain unity, Paul is basically calling the church in Rome to "agree to disagree." This can be hard to do when we mistake issues that are a matter of opinion for convictions or essentials of faith. As a group, identify at least three matters of opinion on which members of your group have differing views.
- 3. Read Romans 14:13. What does it mean to put a "stumbling block" in the way of a brother? How can you make sure you are not doing that to brothers in Christ in your life?
- 4. A common takeaway from Romans 14 is the statement that "love limits liberty," meaning that sometimes to love and serve fellow believers, we must forego some of the freedoms we have in our life with Christ. In your own life, what are ways you may need to limit your own freedoms to love other believers well?
- 5. It would be easy to use verses 4, 10, and 13 as excuses not to speak hard truth into the lives of others. What is the difference between judging someone and lovingly admonishing them for sin in their lives? When is each appropriate?

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