

THE GOSPEL IMPACTS OUR DISAGREEMENTS

ROMANS 14:1-12

10/5/25

"As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."

I. THE ISSUES

A. The situations

1. Eating of food (v.2)
2. Celebration of days (v.5)
3. "Be fully convinced" (v.5b)

B. What they reveal

1. We are all "IN FAITH" to varying degrees
2. Strong faith
 - Not to despise
3. Weak faith
 - Not to judge

C. We all have weak points in our faith

II. HOW SHOULD THEY BE TREATING ONE ANOTHER?

A. "Welcome" them (v.1&3)

- Welcome = to accept them into fellowship

B. See their hearts (v.6)

- Their heart is to honor the Lord in the way they live

III. WHY?

A. We can love them because our lives are not our own

B. We can love them because Christ died for them

- Securing our familial bond

C. We can love them because God is the final judge

- We are not the final judge

D. We can love them because we will all individually stand accountable

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is this such an important passage for the modern church? What are some areas of conviction that believers hold to that seek to divide the church today
3. Why is it important for Christians to delineate between core doctrines and convictions? How does this help the church?
4. In v.6 Paul emphasizes that both sides can “honor the Lord” in their convictions. How does this help you see other believers with differing convictions than yours?
5. Why is it important for us to remember that our lives are not our own...but that we belong to God?
6. Why should the reality of God’s final judgement have an impact on how we relate to one another in the church?
7. What is one thing from the group or message this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you do that?