



**Text:** Romans 14

**Big Idea:** Differences should not create divisions in the body of Christ. Oneness in spite of our differences glorifies God. How do we avoid the temptation of division?

- Welcome one another despite disagreements.
- Do not sinfully respond to weak brothers and opinions
- Recognize five reasons to be united in diversity
  - Jesus is Lord, not you
  - Being fully convinced is a personal issue
  - Both parties can honor God
  - We all belong to and live for Jesus
  - God is the final judge

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Think of a topic where you find it easy to accept a different viewpoint. Why is it easy? Now think of a topic where you find it difficult to accept a different viewpoint. Why is it hard for you?
2. Our belief system consists of absolutes (core truths of our faith), convictions (strongly held scriptural beliefs) and preferences (personal applications of Scripture). Share some of your preferences. What do you do to keep them becoming absolutes?
3. As believers, do you think it is okay to avoid discussing our differences? Why or why not?
4. Describe one area where you feel led to look for ways to manage differences with another believer in a God-honoring way. What are some practical steps you can take?