



Small Group Study Questions

Week 5

Romans 14:1-5 (NASB)

14 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but* not to have quarrels over opinions. 2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but the one who is weak eats *only* vegetables. 3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. 4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 One *person* values one day over another, another values every day *the same*. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.

Romans 14:10 (NASB)

10 But *as for* you, why do you judge your brother *or sister*? Or you as well, why do you regard your brother *or sister* with contempt? For we will all appear before the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:13-17 (NASB)

13 Therefore let's not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this: not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's *or sister's* way. 14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to the one who thinks something is unclean, to that *person it is* unclean. 15 For if because of food your brother *or sister* is hurt, you are no longer walking in accordance with love. Do not destroy with your *choice* of food that *person* for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:21-15:2 (NASB)

21 It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or *to do anything* by which your brother *or sister* stumbles. 22 The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is the one who does not condemn himself in what he approves. 23 But the one who doubts is condemned if he eats because *his eating is* not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

15 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not *just* please ourselves. 2 Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to *his* edification.

QUICK REVIEW

What was one thing that Pastor Fred said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

Give yourself a score between 1-10 - how opinionated are you? Why do you rate yourself that way?

If someone is opinionated, how easy is it to keep their opinion to themselves? Why?

Read Romans 14:1-5

According to these verses, who's the ultimate opinion that matters? If this is true, is Paul saying we can't have opinions?

Do you agree with this definition of opinion, being "fully convinced in his own mind?" Why or why not. Define "opinion" yourself. What would you add or take away?

Read Romans 14:10

Reword Paul's statement here. Why shouldn't we judge other Christians?

How does this verse make a difference?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Romans 14:13-17

Instead of “stumbling blocks” what should we be putting in front of others?

In vs. 17, Paul describes the kingdom of God. What does righteousness, peace, & joy practically look like in a Christian’s life?

Read Romans 14:21 - 15:2

Does the “Golden Rule” work into Romans 15:1 at all? Any other biblical principles that can be brought into this discussion?

Look up the word “edification.” What do other bible translations (other than NASB) use instead of this word here? What should our goal be in our conversations with others?

TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend’s message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUEST

