

Sermon Series: DOING LIFE TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

Sermon Title: “Absolutes, Convictions, & Preferences”

Scripture: Romans 14:1-13 (NIV)

INTRO: We must learn how to live _____ (together) in the Body of Christ, and yet at times think _____ (differently) about some things.

Key term to keep in mind: _____ (disputable) _____ (matters) (v.1)

THREE WORDS WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND:

1. _____ (ABSOLUTES): Universal, not disputable matters, clearly articulated, non-negotiable moral imperatives.
 - a. These are battles we should be _____ (fighting)
 - b. The problem in the American Church today is _____ (compromise)
2. _____ (CONVICTIONS): Personal, not the same for everyone, beliefs deeply rooted in our individual lives.
 - a. These are battles we should _____ (not) be fighting
 - b. We must _____ (respect) other’s convictions
3. _____ (PREFERENCES): simply individual likes & dislikes
 - a. These are _____ (battles) we should not be fighting
 - b. Legalism is the result of _____ (forcing) our opinions/preferences on others

CONCLUSION

1. We must keep Absolutes... _____ (absolutes)
2. We must keep Convictions... _____ (personal)
3. We must keep Preferences... _____ (preferences)