



The Lord's Day Morning — May 11, 2025

“Getting Along with Everyone without Going Along with Everything”

Romans 14:1–12

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1. Christians have disagreements — long ago and today.
2. We accept or welcome all who have faith. (14:1–3)
3. The Lord is our master and we answer to Him. (14:4)
4. Believers respect each other and we have strong convictions. (14:5–6)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. Who are the "weak" to whom Paul refers in Romans 14?
What were their issues? What are some comparable issues today?
2. What are the essentials of the faith? Why are we tempted to raise nonessentials to the status of essentials?
3. How can fixation on non-essentials disrupt Christian unity and Christian mission?
4. How can something be important even if not essential?
5. Romans 14 says accepting "the weak" does not mean we accept everyone and everything. Why not?
6. We fall into two opposite errors — debating everything and debating nothing. What happens when we debate everything?
When do we debate nothing? Why is it important to have convictions on debatable matters — even if we plan to accept and cooperate with people who take another view?
7. Why should we receive a weaker brother? Why does someone with an overactive moral sense tend to condemn other people?