

FAMILY CONNECTION

Love & Freedom

Following Christ means living in community. It requires loving others more than our own preferences.

As You Go

These are simple questions to ask your students as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

.01 SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT AN ACTIVITY OR FOOD YOU WERE SURE YOU HATED.

.02 HOW DID YOUR OPINION CHANGE? WHAT WAS THE PROCESS?

Family Devotion

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

Summary: Romans 14:1-12

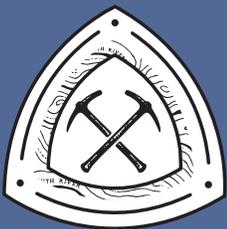
Sometimes changing our minds about our likes and dislikes is as simple as trying something new. Sometimes we think of different and new things as frustrating or unwelcome. However, the fact that we are all different and have unique interests and passions is actually a good thing, as we can learn from and grow in our understanding of one another. In this session, students looked at how Paul addressed some believers who were arguing and judging one another over various practices that were not essential to their faith. In light of this, Paul challenged his readers to realize that following Jesus means living in community and loving other people more than our own preferences.

Discussion Questions

.01 WHAT KINDS OF ARGUMENTS DOES PAUL SAY WE SHOULD AVOID? WHY?

.02 HOW HAS TIME WITH BELIEVERS WHO ARE DIFFERENT FROM YOU HELPED YOU GROW?

Pray: Ask God to help us keep the gospel our focus and to avoid debates about things that are less important.



Challenge your son or daughter to use the Daily Devotions provided in their Daily Discipleship Guide to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

- Day 1: Romans 14:8-18
- Day 2: Romans 14:19-23
- Day 3: Romans 15:1-6
- Day 4: Romans 15:7-9
- Day 5: Romans 15:10-13