



SESSION 13

Love & Freedom

ROMANS 14:1-12

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CENTRAL TRUTH

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

Romans 14:1-4

Read verses 1-4, then consider the following questions individually or as a group.

.03 WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON THINGS CHRISTIANS FIGHT AND ARGUE ABOUT? WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT THESE THINGS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO GET INTO HEATED ARGUMENTS?

.04 ARE ANY OF THESE ISSUES WORTH THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND ENERGY WE SPEND FIGHTING? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Romans 14:5-8

Read verses 5-8, then consider the following questions individually or as a group.

.05 WHAT KINDS OF THINGS WERE PEOPLE IN ROME ARGUING ABOUT? WHY DID THEY FEEL SO STRONGLY?

.06 WHAT DOES PAUL INDICATE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHO IS RIGHT AND WRONG IN THESE DEBATES? WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT LIVING IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS?

.07 HOW SHOULD THE TRUTH OF VERSE 8 SHAPE THE WAY YOU LIVE ON A DAILY BASIS?

Romans 14:9-12

Read verses 9-12, then consider the following questions individually or as a group.

.08 FOR WHAT REASON DID JESUS DIE AND RISE AGAIN (V. 9)? HOW DOES THIS PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE OUR ARGUMENTS AND JUDGMENTS AGAINST OTHERS OVER SECONDARY THINGS?

.09 HOW CAN BEING AWARE OF OUR OWN ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD (VV. 10-12) HELP US LOVE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST BETTER?

.10 RATHER THAN ARGUING WITH AND JUDGING ONE ANOTHER ON NONESSENTIAL MATTERS, WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING INSTEAD?



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Now What?

We need to apply the truth of God's Word to our lives. Think through these questions and how you can live out what you've studied in Romans 14:1-12 this week.

.11 WHAT IS WORTH FIGHTING OVER? WHAT ISN'T? HOW CAN WE TELL THE DIFFERENCE?

.12 WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PREFERENCES ABOUT CHURCH? HOW CAN YOU FIGHT THE TEMPTATION TO FORCE THESE PREFERENCES ON OTHERS?

.13 HOW DOES JUDGING EACH OTHER OVER SECONDARY ISSUES KEEP US FROM LOVING EACH OTHER? HOW MIGHT IT DISTRACT US FROM THE MISSION JESUS HAS GIVEN US OF MAKING DISCIPLES?

.14 WHAT IS ONE STEP YOU COULD TAKE TOWARD LOVING OR SERVING A BROTHER OR SISTER IN CHRIST BETTER?

Daily Devotions

For the complete Daily Devotions, we encourage you to make use of the Daily Devotional Guide. Here are the passages covered in this week's devotions in the Daily Devotional Guide.

- 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

Memorize. Romans 14:19

