



### **Getting to Know Me**

What is your favorite day of the week and why?

### **Exploring the Word – Romans 14:5-12**

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
  
2. Read Romans 14:5. How does the second disputable matter addressed in chapter 14 - whatever day is chosen as holy - demonstrate weakness of faith? What are examples of disputable matters in this area today? Why is observing a day of Sabbath each week not a disputable matter?
  
3. Read Romans 14:6-9. How can we honor God regarding the way we view and handle disputable matters? What should be the Christian's primary motive when making decisions about disputable matters? How can we determine if we are making decisions with the correct motives?
  
4. In terms of disputable matters, what does it look like to "belong to the Lord?" Why is it sinful to reject things that God has accepted? Conversely, why is it sinful to accept things that God has rejected? What are examples of things that God has accepted and rejected?
  
5. Read Romans 14:10-12. Who is the apostle Paul addressing in the first and second parts of verse 10? Why are neither viewpoints correct? Who is the ultimate judge of every person and how should this influence a Christian's behavior?
  
6. There are two judgments in the Bible – one for Christians and one for those who are not Christians. How should Christians prepare for judgment and how does this relate to disputable matters (refer to Romans 13:1, 8-10)?



### **Romans 14:5-12**

#### **I. Confusing considerations with standards (vv. 5)**

- In Christianity the spiritual is \_\_\_\_\_ and the physical is spiritual.
- Weak faith comes from having a weak \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christianity teaches that spiritual corruption is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Strong faith doesn't judge theological \_\_\_\_\_.
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#### **II. Rejecting what God accepts (vv. 6-9)**

- Avoidance and liberation are equal parts of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Abstainers and liberators have the same \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is impossible to love and maintain our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Relational orbits are \_\_\_\_\_ by invitation, invasion or ignoring.
- Faith in Christ's death and resurrection provides full \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **III. Finding commonality in the disputable (vv. 10-12)**

- To condemn another Christian is to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's sacrifice.
- The weak and strong will be judged by the \_\_\_\_\_ standard.
- Judgmental Christians will be judged more \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 2:1-3)
- On Judgment Day we will give a \_\_\_\_\_ account.
- God will judge us according to his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.