

Liberty in the Gospel (Romans 14)

Begin your time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to lead you in truth and teach you through God's Word. As you complete each devotional, ask God that you would not be just a hearer of the Word but a doer also. (James 1:22) Be in continual prayer for those around you who do not yet love Jesus.

Monday

Read Romans 14 in ESV and NIV

1. What main points from yesterday's sermon impacted you the most?
2. How will what you heard yesterday change the way you live this week?
3. Write down key words or phrases from the passage of scripture for the week.
4. Note any questions you may have about the text.
5. What is the main idea that Paul is trying to communicate in this passage?

Tuesday

Read Romans 14 in ESV and NIV

1. In verse 1, Paul says not to "quarrel over opinions." What is the difference between disputable and indisputable topics in the Bible? (For further study read 1 Corinthians 8.)
2. What is Paul referring to when he calls some believers *weak* in verse 2? How can verse 3 be an answer to verse 2?
3. Paul says in verse 3 that the *strong* naturally will feel superior for being able to eat anything, while the *weak* naturally condemn the strong for eating everything. What category do you fall under? What are ways we can change our attitude towards other Christians who may not do the same things we do?
4. Tim Keller says that when you condemn the Christian who does what you consider forbidden, here is what you are forgetting:
 1. We are all justified by faith.
 2. God is the only judge.

Wednesday

Read Romans 14 in ESV and NIV

1. Can you see any area in which you might be a weaker believer?
2. In verse 5 Paul essentially gives us a remedy for our disagreements as Christians. What do you believe he is saying in verse 5 in regards to our disagreements? (For further commentary, read verse 5 in The Message Bible at bible.com.)
3. How is verse 6 a guideline for whether a practice can or can't be done?
4. What does Paul mean by *passing judgment* in verse 10? Read 2 Timothy 2:25, 1 Thessalonians 5:14, and 2 Timothy 4:2 for further help.

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Thursday

Read Romans 14 in ESV and NIV

1. Think about some of the disputed matters in the church today. Do you consider yourself a "stronger" believer over those matters? What is your priority, enjoying that freedom or giving it up to serve one another?
2. How can you pursue peace within the church more actively?
3. Sin is anything, any act or any emotion or attitude, that does not sprout from the soil of such confidence in the God of hope. "Whatever is not from faith is sin." -John Piper
4. Read verse 23. How does faith shape our decisions?

Friday

Read Romans 14 in ESV and NIV and review your answers from this week's questions.

1. What truths impacted you the most within this week's passage of Romans?
2. What aspect of God's character has this passage in Romans shown you more clearly?
3. What one step will you take in light of these truths?

Saturday

Read Romans 15 in ESV

Catch up on any days you may have missed throughout the week.

Pray for our service tomorrow, that God would rescue us all from the delusions that we can make it on our own. Pray that our hearts would be flooded by the overwhelming power of God's presence and that God would speak through the preaching of his Word, setting the captives free and strengthening our faith. Pray that God would open someone's eyes while the gospel is being preached, that they would come from death to life in Jesus.