

Sermon Questions for 9/28, Romans 14:13-23

Don't Hurt Others with Our Freedom

1. Last week our sermon questions listed a number of issues Christians may disagree on. Can you find an issue (or two) that applies to your group and that not everyone agrees on and fill in the box below?

Issues	The Strong	The Weak
<b>Food</b>	Eat all kinds of food	Eats only vegetables
<b>Wine</b>	Drinks Wine	Abstains from wine
<b>(Small Group's Issue)</b>		

2. Regarding the issue(s) you picked can you describe how someone with weak faith would judge and how someone with strong faith would despise (14:3, 13)?
3. Sometimes when Christians disagree on an issue one person is trying to convince the other. How do these verses apply to what you decide about your freedom, and how do you apply it to the group's issue in question #1?
  - a. Romans 14:14
  - b. Romans 14:22-23
  - c. 1 Cor. 6:12
  - d. 1 Cor. 10:29-30
4. Read Romans 14:15-20 and identify ways Paul says you can hurt your brother with your freedom. How might you see this hurt with the issue you chose from #1?
5. Do you consider yourself weak or strong in faith? How can you be better at not hurting others on issues?
  - a. How might Matthew 7:1-5 apply to you?
  - b. Is it possible to find yourself a hypocrite because you judge on an issue but also fall short? For example, you apply 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 to a smoker in judgment but then not you yourself in eating food?
  - c. Is it possible to find yourself both weak and strong—some issues you enjoy freedom and others you do not? How is this humbling?