

Small Group Discussion Guide

VOL 4: Part 30: Stop Judging: The Weak and The Strong

BIG Idea: Because God alone is Judge, we must stop judging one another and start accepting one another in Christ.

Application: Since Christ alone is Lord and Judge, believers must resist judging one another in disputable matters and instead practice humble acceptance, gratitude, and unity under His authority.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What's a lighthearted "disputable matter" you've argued or laughed about with someone before (like coffee vs. tea, dogs vs. cats, Ford vs. Chevy, or a worship style preference)?

1. Read Romans 14:1-3. What makes it difficult to accept believers whose convictions differ from yours?
2. Paul says we shouldn't "quarrel over disputable matters." What are some issues today that might fit that category?
3. Verse 3 says God has accepted both the weak and the strong. How does that truth challenge our tendency to label others?
4. How does viewing others as "God's servants" (v. 4) reshape how we respond when we disagree?
5. Romans 14:6-8 repeats the phrase "to the Lord." What does it look like to live *to the Lord* in daily decisions?
6. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that both the weak and the strong give thanks to God? What role does gratitude play in unity?
7. How does remembering that "each of us will give an account to God" (v. 12) affect the way we treat others?
8. In what situations do you find it hardest to "step down from the judge's seat" and trust God with someone else's heart?
9. Read Romans 15:7. What practical steps can we take to "accept one another as Christ accepted us"?
10. How can our LifeGroup model unity in diversity — showing the world what acceptance in Christ looks like?

Prayer Prompt: Pray for humility and grace to accept one another as Christ has accepted us. Ask God to reveal any area where you've judged a brother or sister and to replace criticism with compassion and understanding.

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