

5. If you aren't sure whether something is right or wrong, should you do it? Why or why not (14:14, 23)?

Sermon Notes

"Matters of Conscience"

Romans 14

September 6, 2020

6. When Scripture is not explicit on an issue, how should a person decide what is right and wrong?

7. Paul prays for unity (likemindedness) among Christians (15:5). Does unity mean that believers must come to the same opinions or convictions about everything (14:1, 5, 22)? If so, why? If not, what does unity mean?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 09-06-20

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Romans, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 185-189; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 236-37.

Getting Started:

1. The topics about which the brothers held different convictions in this text included food, wine, and special days. What lifestyle rules and issues do Christians argue about today?

Digging Deeper:

Read Romans 14:1 – 15:7

2. How are we to understand the ideas of “weak” or “strong” in this context?

3. Identify all the commands in this text. What is Paul’s overall message to ...

“strong” Christians (those who don’t feel obliged to keep dietary laws and holy days)?

“weak” Christians (those who do feel obliged)?

4. What reasons does Paul give for not judging other people on “disputable matters” (14:1)?

14:3

14:4

14:9-12