Sermon Questions

Handling "Grey Areas" God's Way
Romans 4:13-23
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CONNECT:

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how important are our rights as Americans? Is it ever possible for exercising our rights to be wrong? Please explain

GROW:

- For some context, read Luke 9:23. What does it mean to "deny yourself"? Why would this be so important for a follower of Jesus?
- Read Romans 14:13-23. The "weak" Christian would only eat vegetables for fear of accidentally eating "unclean" meat and could be judgmental toward those who saw all foods as clean and had no issue eating meat (the "strong"). The strong could be impatient with the weak or despise their overly sensitive consciences. In today's passage, Paul turns his attention to the strong. Rather than despising the weak, what are they to decide (Rom. 14:13)?
- Do Christians have the right to eat meat (see Rom. 14:14 and Mark 7:18-19)?
- When would it be wrong for the weak to eat meat? When would it be wrong for the strong to eat meat?
- From Romans 14:17-19, what is more important that exercising one's right(s) as a Christian?
- From Galatians 1:6-9, when is it right to "hold the line" with others? How is this to be done?
- What are other "gray areas" on which Christians may differ? How can we talk about these things? What must our aim always be?

GO:

- Have you spoken or acted in a way that has offended a fellow Christian? Will you go to that person and listen to them and seek forgiveness/apologize as needed?

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