



### **This Week's Icebreaker Question:**

What has been your favorite Life Group moment this trimester?

### **Sermon Specific Questions:**

1. Read Romans 14:1-12. For the Christian, relationships should be processed through the work Christ has done in us. The way that He welcomes us is the way that we are called to welcome others. That does not mean that relationships are not, at times, challenging. Knowing what Jesus has done for you, in welcoming you into His family, how should we respond to others with a differing opinion than ours about a topic we think is important?
2. Read Romans 14:1-4. Paul notes that some of the Roman Christians were “weak” in their faith. One commentator says this about those defined as weak, “These are Christians who are not able to accept for themselves the truth that their faith in Christ implies liberation from certain Old Testament / Jewish ritual requirements.” Paul is saying that a strong faith is one that knows our salvation rests entirely in the work of Christ on the cross. Are there things in your life, that you do ritualistically, that are not necessary for your walk with Christ and should stop doing?
3. Read Romans 14:5-9, Colossians 2:16-17, and Galatians 4:9-10. Paul in these passages instructs us that certain days and ritual observances are not a part of the freedoms we have in Christ, but that we should be careful not to cause someone weak to sin by going against their conscience. The responsibility is placed on the stronger believer to not cause the one who is “weak” to stumble. What is the heart of what Paul is getting at regarding festivals, Sabbaths, and ritual observances? How do we as believers live out our freedom in Christ while at the same time, not offending or causing someone else to stumble? What else can we learn from these passages?
4. Read Romans 14:12 and 2 Corinthians 5:10. Paul ends this section about freedom, and comparison by reminding the Roman church and each of us that each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. How often do you think about having to talk with the Lord about your decisions, actions, and words? Does that reminder from Paul prompt you to make changes in your heart, in your actions, in how you treat others?
5. Read Romans 14:1-12, Ephesians 4:3, and Colossians 3:14-15. As you read these passages, you can see Paul's desire is that the believers would love each other deeply and be unified in the Spirit. Why is unity among fellow believers so crucial in the church? How do you overcome differences in opinions and beliefs, especially when you come from different backgrounds, and the Scripture may not be clear one way or another on them? How can you help to promote unity within JRC?