



Small Group Discussion Notes

Romans: The Letter that Changed the World

Undivided

Romans 14

April 20, 2023

Warm Up

Take a few minutes to discuss the important questions of life such as...Coke or Pepsi? Christmas music before or after Thanksgiving? Does pineapple belong on pizza?

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 14

Paul points to "those whose faith is weak" and those who seem to have a stronger faith. In light of the passage and this week's sermon, what is meant by those two distinctions?

Historical/cultural context seems to come into play in regard to those who have "weak" faith verse those who have a stronger faith. Is this also true for you personally? If so, how?

Looking at the two examples where Paul observes division in the early church, consider what areas of division he might point to within the Church today?

Paul uses chapter 14 as a reminder of the importance of unity within the fellowship of believers. Why is unity so important within the Church?

What harm can come to the body of Christ if a culture of judgment takes root?

Think through what other passages of scripture speak to this idea of unity amongst believers. Who or what ought to be the source and/or focus of our unity?

Next Steps

What nonessentials do you sometimes make "essential?" How does this impact your ability to engage with others or the church in general?

How can you be more intentional about not putting "any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister?"

How does the freedom we have in Christ make you feel? Do you like it, or do you wish there was more structure or guidance around particular issues?

What can we do to be more unifying as a church body?

Final Thoughts

As a group pray together for unity within your group as well as within the large MVC body.