

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Accept One Another

Romans 14:1-13; 15:1-2

We are to accept one another, as God has accepted us in Christ.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Romans 14:1-13 and 15:1-2. What is a disputable matter? What disputable matters does Paul mention in the text? What are some examples from our own context?

How are disputable matters different from essential doctrines and moral commands? Are Christians free to have different opinions about anything?

What is the difference between a biblical doctrine and the implications of that doctrine? How might you be able to tell the difference between the two? What dangers should we avoid when drawing our own lifestyle implications from biblical doctrines and teachings?

Why is it inappropriate for Christians to pass judgment on one another for their choices on disputable issues?

How does Paul want us to behave toward one another when we have differences of opinion over disputable matters? What responsibilities do “strong” Christians have toward “weak” Christians and vice versa?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What issues or lifestyle choices do you have strong opinions about? Would any of these be considered disputable issues? Why or why not?

What is your attitude toward other Christians who take a different view than you do on the issues and choices you feel strongly about? For example, what is your attitude toward those who are more conservative than you are on these issues? What about those who are more liberal than you?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How can we learn to accept other Christians when deep differences of opinion exist between us? Why is it important that we learn to do so?

In what ways can we be sensitive to Christians who have a weak conscience? Name some practical ways in which we might show love and acceptance to them.

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you show love and acceptance to your Christian brothers and sisters this week?