

Welcome

What's something completely unimportant that people seem to have surprisingly strong opinions about?



Worship

Read Isaiah 55.6-13 together

and/or

Sing or listen to *The Servant King*



Word

Read Romans 14

1. *Question 1 is optional. I have placed this in here for groups which are wanting a weekly pattern of study to help them keep the same pattern for the weeks when studies aren't prepared by me. Spend 15 minutes before the study thinking about the sub-questions below before coming to your group.*



Before you begin the study form groups of two or three and have each person summarize the passage to the other one. Then, come back to the group and ask

- a. *What stands out to you?*
 - b. *Where is God?*
 - c. *Where are we?*
 - d. *Since this is the word of God, what do I need to change in my life?*
2. What does Paul mean by "accept" the weaker believer?
 3. Why is judgement such a danger within Christian communities?
 4. What does it mean to cause a brother or sister to stumble?
 5. How does Paul balance Christian freedom with Christian responsibility?
 6. Why does Paul say the kingdom is about righteousness, peace, and joy rather than food and drink?
 7. What practical steps can help a church maintain unity amid differing convictions?

Witness

- Where might God be calling you to show more grace toward someone whose opinions or practices differ from yours?

