

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Romans 14

What issues commonly cause disputes among churches?

Read Romans 14:1-12

1. According to these verses, describe a weak person. How would you identify a weak person in church today?
2. How do the weak and the strong tend to view each other (v3)?
3. If you are 'strong', what are your obligations to the 'weak'? Why?
4. If you are 'weak', what are your obligations to the 'strong'? Why?
5. In v4-9 Paul refers to the Lord on numerous occasions. What difference should it make to know that Jesus is Lord?
6. What argument does Paul use in v10-12?
7. Suppose you find yourself in a situation where you disagree with other Christians about whether to observe special days or abstain from food.
 - a. Outline the principles these verses give to help work out what to do
 - b. Why mustn't we pass judgement on people who arrive at different conclusions from ours?

Read Romans 14:13-23

8. Paul urges the 'strong' to resolve never to put a stumbling block in the way of another believer. In what way might our behaviour be a stumbling block?
9. What reasons does Paul give for changing our behaviour?
 - v15
 - v17
 - v19
10. What is the problem with a person doing something against their conscience?
11. What would it look like for you to restrict your freedom to support a weaker believer, rather than use it for your own pleasure or comfort?

<p>"A Christian is a perfectly free Lord of all; a Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all." (Martin Luther, "On the Freedom of a Christian")</p>
