



Dealing With Disagreements

Mind Game, Romans 14

May 23, 2021

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - What are you most looking forward to this summer?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone do a 1 or 2 minute recap of the message and then ask the following questions (Find the notes in the [Northridge app](#)):

2. What did you find most helpful from Sunday's message?
3. **Nate said that disagreements are inevitable and even acceptable.**
 - Why are disagreements not necessarily at odds with unity?
4. **Nate brought up the concept of theological triage?**
 - How does that concept help us respond to those we disagree with?
5. Nate said that "we should help others to train their conscience, not force them to change their conscience."
 - How can we train others without forcing them to believe?
6. Nate shared a few charts of how we might respond to issues of disagreement. The middle column of the chart is the flexible response.
 - What is an example of what it might look like to respond flexibly?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – Ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

7. **Read Romans 14:1-23.**
 - If you could narrow down Paul's argument in this passage, what would you say are his main points?
 - What principles can we take away from this passage to help us keep unity with those we disagree with?
8. Reread Romans 14:19-21.
 - If we were to apply these verses in our own context, what might that look like?
9. Read Romans 15:1-7
 - If it is okay to have disagreements, what can we learn from this passage on how we should respond to those we disagree with?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) – These questions may be best to discuss in prayer groups.

10. What is your biggest takeaway from this series on the mind and conscience?

GROWTH GOALS ([Print Growth Goal Forms or share the link online](#))

11. How are you doing with your growth goals? What are some goals you'd like to set for this summer? How can we encourage you in your progress?