



SDG Discussion Guide

"Please One Another"

Romans 14:13-23; 15:1-13

April 30, 2017

Opener:

What rules if any did your family or friends have for what you could or could not do on a Sunday?

What traditions if any do your family or friends have for this time of year?

Group Interaction: [The following content is meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the sermon text. Also, feel free to ask your own questions to facilitate your own discussion regarding the sermon or text.]

1. What personal attitudes might hinder or help us to bear with the "failings of the weak" (vv 1-2)? Explain why.
2. If we follow Christ's example in this and other areas of our lives, then why will we need endurance, encouragement, and hope (vv 4-5)?
3. In contrast to the discord and possible verbal abuse hinted at in Romans 14, what does God desire of us (vv 5-6)?
4. In verses 9-12 Paul quotes from four different Old Testament passages. What words and phrases express the dominant mood of these verses?

Why is this mood appropriate for all who hope in Jesus?

5. Keeping in mind the context of verses 1-12, how can we become those whose lives overflow with peace, joy and hope (v 13)?
6. Paul concludes this passage with a vivid prayer (v 13). Consider these words and try to picture this reality. Does it make you feel any way -- how so?
7. Does this passage encourage you at all in the wake of Easter? If so, share how with your group?

Spend some time in prayer. Take your time. Ask the Holy Spirit to usher in his great presence and help you to pray. Whatever he lays on your heart, pray. Then sit in silence and see what else God may be speaking to you. Be encouraged this week in the resurrection power of our Lord.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996).