

WARM UP QUESTION

Who is someone you try to please?

- **Read <u>Romans 14:1-12</u>**. What theme from chapters 12 and 13 do you notice being carried over into this chapter? Who are the "weak in faith" and what two examples does Paul use to further explain his point (verses 1-6)? What might be some modern-day examples? What isn't a "disputable matter"?
- Read Romans 14:13-23. What things does Paul tell the church to stop doing in verses 13-16 and 20-21? What words describe what it should look like to live in the Kingdom of God/the church (verses 17-19)? Read verse 23 in a few translations. What guiding principle should guide our decision-making? Share about any disputable matters you may have struggled with and, with an abundance of grace, pray for and encourage one another.
- **Read <u>Romans 15:1-13</u>**. What should be our pleasing hierarchy according to this passage? How did Jesus serve as our example in this? How should this change your perspective on disputable matters and fill you with hope and encouragement?
- Read <u>Romans 15:14-33</u>. Why do you think Paul says what he does to this church in verses 14-15? What can you learn for yourself and your own time in God's Word from those verses? How does Paul see himself and the role he plays in the church (verses 16-22)? What do verses 23-33 teach you about the first century church?
- Read Romans 16. List out all the people Paul mentions and what he says about each one of them. What can we learn from this? What final appeal does Paul make to the church in verses 17-19? How do the final words of this book summarize the scope of our salvation? Close in a time of praise and thanksgiving for all you have learned through the book of Romans.

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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