

SERMON NOTES

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Instruction for the Strong in Faith

Romans 14:1-15:7 | Trent Thompson

Welcome the weak:

Determine not to despise the weak:

Decide never to cause the weak to stumble:

APPLYING GOD'S WORD (For LifeGroups)

LifeGroups are a place to commit to Christ-Centered relationships and grow in our faith together. Learn more at westshorefree.org/lifegroups.

LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. What has stood out to you most as we've studied Romans 14:1-15:7? What questions or challenges does it raise for you?
2. Read Romans 14:13-15:7. What command stands out to you most in this passage? Why?
3. Where would you consider yourself the "strong in faith"? Are you using the term the same way the text does?
4. What does it look like when you "despise" a Christian who is weaker in faith than yourself?
5. Have you ever been a stumbling block to a weaker brother or sister? How did your actions contribute to their destruction and why is it important to see that rather than calling it something else?
6. Is there any liberty you currently use that you need to limit for the sake of someone else?

B.L.E.S.S. Question of the Week:

How do you think those outside the Church see the intramural squabbles between the strong and weak in faith inside the Church?

Memory Verse:

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves." - Romans 15:1

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