



Different: Loving those you disagree with Bible study and discussion

Please read this blog beforehand:

<http://www.christcitychurch.ie/new-series-different-loving-those-you-disagree-with-romans-14-15/>

Introduction

1. Where do we see tensions and hostility in Dublin today between different groups of people?
2. Do you think that the way the marriage referendum was handled (by all sides) was a model of true love, equality and tolerance?

General Questions

3. Summarise the issue that was going on in Rome that Paul is dealing with in Romans 14-15. Who are the strong Christians and who are the weak Christians?
4. Who does Paul primarily address in these chapters (the weak or the strong)? And who does he agree with? What do you learn from this?
5. How can you be both convinced in your mind about something (Romans 14:5), and yet not judge or despise those who think differently?
6. How does God being our judge and our saviour affect our attitude to others who disagree with us? See Romans 14:3-4, 14:10, 14:15 and 15:1-2?
7. What do you think are the primary issues around which we should not budge and the secondary issues around which we should allow for differences? Make two lists and discuss.
If you need help Read Galatians 1:6-10 or 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 for primary issues and 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

Application Questions

8. How has the Holy Spirit convicted you from Romans 14-15?
9. What action can you take this week to start to love those who you disagree with?