

# Sermon Supplement from October 12

## “That’s Your Opinion” – Romans 14:1-12

### WARM UP

- The people addressed in this passage were quarrelling over non-essential lifestyle issues such as eating meat, observing religious days, and drinking wine (v. 21). What would be some equivalent modern day non-essential lifestyle issues?
- Why do you think Christians get so contentious over these kinds of issues?

### DIG IN

*Read Romans 14:1-4 | Keep Your Opinions Your Opinions*

- How would you identify the “weak” person in this passage? What characterizes them? What is their attitude toward others?
- How might someone tell when they are unnecessarily elevating their opinion on a non-essential issue.
- What is the implied imperative for the strong person in this passage?
- If you’re honest, where do you find yourself being judgmental or critical toward other Christians? What might this tell you about your opinions?

*Read Romans 14:5-9 | Let Jesus Be Lord of Your Opinions*

- Outline a biblically based process for developing personal convictions on non-essential lifestyle issues.
- What happens when we start somewhere other than the Bible in developing our convictions? What places outside the Bible do people sometimes start when developing convictions?
- How do these verses provide a filter for the motives behind our personal convictions?

*Read Romans 14:10-12 | Live In Light of God’s Opinion*

- What role does the judgment seat of God play in our personal convictions?
- How does this help me focus on myself rather than everyone else?

### WRAP UP

- Talk about the devastating results that occur when Christians fight over non-essentials.
- In what ways has God used this study to convict you of needed growth?
- How does this passage challenge or shape your attitude and actions?
- Is there a verse or phrase from this passage you want to carry with you and reflect on this week?

**Next Week’s Text** – Romans 14:13-23

- **Read** – Read the text several times looking for key ideas.
- **Reflect** – What truths stand out to you? What challenges, convicts, or encourages?
- **Respond** – What is your response to what you just read?