

Sermon Supplement from October 19

“Limiting Your Liberty” – Romans 14:13-23

WARM UP

- What do you think about the phrase, “*Just because I CAN doesn’t mean I SHOULD*”?
- In what ways does this phrase go against the prevailing mindset in our culture today?
- How would it change things if more people were willing to practice this truth?

DIG IN

Read Romans 14:13-15 | Choose Love over Liberty

- What causes so many Christians to choose their own Christian liberty over loving other people?
- Discuss practical ways that Christians could choose to exercise love for others over their own Christian liberty?
- How might we know when a pious, legalistic Christian is using this idea to impose their own will? How might we respond in a situation such as this?

Read Romans 14:16-19 | Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

- Talk about how secondary things often become the main thing in the church today.
- How do these verses go against the prevailing cultural narrative in our world today?
- Talk about specific ways we can pursue what leads to peace and mutual upbuilding.

Read Romans 14:20-23 | Exercise your Convictions with Caution

- Talk about the distinction between personal convictions and public actions. How does this distinction make a difference in how you exercise your convictions?
- What encouragement does this passage provide for one who is struggling with the exercise of personal convictions?
- Talk about ways that both the “weaker” and the “stronger” can exercise convictions with caution.

WRAP UP

- In what ways has God used this study to convict you of needed growth in the area of Christian liberty and personal convictions?
- 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 15:1-7

- **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?