

LIFE Group Guide

Our Conscience

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THE ORCHARD

Read: Romans 14:1-13

Outline:

We are individually accountable to God (vv. 11-12)

"Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God."

Each honors Christ as Lord (vv. 7-9)

"So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

We have differing convictions (2,5-6)

"...you should each be fully convinced..."

We refuse to judge or condemn (3-4 & 10&13a)

"...and with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval."

We offer grace and accept one another (1)

"...Accept other believers... and don't argue..."

We support others in their personal convictions (13b)

"...will not cause another believer to stumble and fall."

Discussion Questions

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. What are some of the things that cause division among believers? How do you know when an issue is worth dividing over or when we need to leave room for disagreement while pursuing unity?
3. Paul lays out the truth that each of us will stand before the Lord. How does this truth help us to decide how we live? How does this truth help us live alongside people we disagree with?
4. How does God's word form our conscience? What questions help you know whether your conviction is personal preference, lingering sin, or formed by God's word?
5. How should we treat those who differ from our convictions?