



Discussion Guide for “Mutual Respect”

Growing Together Week 3

Relationships get messy the deeper they get - and that's a good thing. Unison was never God's goal for our connections with each other. Romans 14 shows us the path to beautiful, harmonious relationships.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Romans 14:1-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-31](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Romans 14:1-20](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Why do you think we find it so hard to get along with people who disagree with us?
2. What are some issues that don't matter much to you? What are 'make or break' issues for you?
3. Imagine yourself in the early Roman church when Paul's letter arrived. How do you think it affected the divided congregation?
4. What's challenging about Paul's call to live in harmony together? What's exciting about it?
5. How does accepting other people as they are help us grow?
6. In what areas of your life do you struggle most to accept others as they are? How can you grow in this area?