

Below are discussion questions for you to consider related to today's message "The Welcoming Church, pt. II" from Romans 14:13-23.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a welcoming church? (See Romans 14:1, 3; 15:7) To what degree do you find RGC to be like this?
2. What is the call to action in Romans 14:13-23?
3. Why is it vital to know the differences between the essentials and the non-essentials of Christianity? What happens if you get them confused?
4. What was the situation in the church in Rome that is addressed in this passage? Where do we find today that people come at the Christian life with differing opinions and practices?
5. When should Christians restrain themselves for the sake of others? Why do this? How do this?
6. How does the grace that comes to us in the gospel give us power and desire to be in church when we know it's going to be uncomfortable?
7. Is there a way you've been able to restrain yourself for the good of another Christian? Or seen someone else do this?
8. How does a church united in the essentials, and practicing liberty in the non-essentials, become a place that brings glory to God?
9. Is there someone God is calling you to love as OFWCD? (see v. 15)

Quote from the Message:

"Did Christ love him enough to die for him, and shall we not love him enough to refrain from wounding his conscience? Did Christ sacrifice himself for his well-being, and shall we assert ourselves to his harm? Did Christ die to save him, and shall we not care if we destroy him?" - John Stott, *Romans*, p. 365

Baptism:

We rejoice with [Destine Padi](#)!

Announcements:

[We thank God](#) for Mark and Lesley Mullery on their 20th anniversary of joining our church!

Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

Open Up the Heavens - Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard, James McDonald, and Andi Rozier

God Is for Us - James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

No One Higher - Heath Balltzglier, Seth Condrey, and Steve Fee

O Praise the Name - Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson

How Great Is Our God - Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

Worship Leader: Matt McCartney

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Next week: The Welcoming Church, pt. III; Romans 15:1-13