

## LIVING WITH THOSE WHO DIFFER

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### TO THE STRONG

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For those strong in their conscience, they are to look out for those who are weak. You have rights and are able to enjoy many gifts of God, but, if you are with someone who does not agree and is stumbled by your actions, for their sake, you should abstain.

### TO THE WEAK

#### **Preference vs. Offense vs. Stumbling:**

It is one thing to have preferences ignored, it is another thing to be offended, and it is a whole different thing to be caused to stumble.

Sometimes, we have strong preferences (even convictions), and we can become appalled that someone would think otherwise or violate our preferences. Other times, people will really actually offend us with something vulgar or truly inappropriate. But neither of these are the same as actually being stumbled by someone, where someone does something that draws us into sin. Understanding the difference will determine how you respond.

### TO BOTH: CONSIDER JESUS

Jesus came to the earth no doubt offended by so much of what He saw, to a degree we could never know. Yet He patiently endured, strived with us, washed our feet, and even laid His life down for us those who wanted to destroy Him.

Romans 14.1-15.6 // Matthew 11.16-19 // Proverbs 19.11

**To the Weak:** Christ is your example that out of love, He set aside His preferences and didn't walk around condemning everyone for everything they did (though He actually had the right to!).

**To the Strong:** Christ is your example that He set aside His rights for the sake of others. He did not insist on His rights as the Son of God, but rather became lowly, esteeming others as greater than Himself, so that He might serve them and see them be saved.

When the goal is to win an argument,  
No one actually wins.



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Isaiah 26:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. <sup>4</sup> Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 8.9-13, 10.23-33**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What are issues that come up in relationships where you differ?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

In the third section of the Sermon Notes, there is a note to both the weak and strong of conscience. What Gospel truths about Jesus can you preach to yourself to keep you both balanced as well as treating others who differ in a proper way?

### Repent and Confess

Have you been judgmental or looking down on others who differ with you? What ways, or with what topics, have you been either insisting on your view or preference, or not being willing to set aside those for the sake of others?

### Ask for Provision

Dying to self, serving others, and washing others' feet is no easy task. What might you ask the Lord for as it pertains to this topic?

### Your Life Mission

Read **Romans 10.31-33**. God has brought into your life many people, even from opposing world views and life experiences. What changes in your approach (maybe not as a whole in your life, but maybe specific to certain people) might you make in order to reach them better?

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

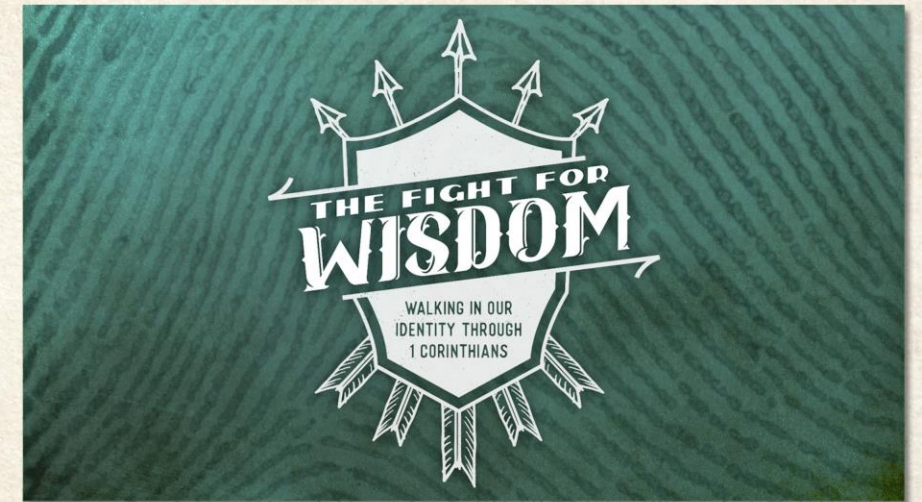
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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