

# ROMANS

XII - XV

## CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MISSION CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 24 - 30, 2019

### INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Find out what's happening at Northview, join us for our Annual General Meeting on November 26 at 7:00pm at the Downes Road Campus. Everyone is welcome! AGM packages are now available at the Info Kiosk and online on our website.
- Christmas Family Games Night is coming up November 29. Doors open at 5:30pm, with a free turkey dinner served at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours! Let us know that you are coming online today!
- An Evening of Christmas Carols is a great way to start off the Advent season! Bring your family or Community Group out on December 1; dinner is included! RSVP online today!
- The Candlelight Parade is just around the corner on December 6! Northview Mission has a float in the parade again this year! We would love to have you walk alongside the float and handout invitations for our Christmas Eve Service to our community. If this is something that you are interested in please sign up on our website or email Yvonne Funk: [yfunk@northview.org](mailto:yfunk@northview.org).

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that we would come to understand our gifts and use them for the building up of others. Ask the Lord for courage to step up where there are needs amongst our family, friends and community.
- Pray that God's people in Mission become people of prayer. Pray that we would always initially go to God when faced with difficulties, challenges, trials or peace, victory and comfort.

### LEADER NOTES

**Suggested Timing for a 2 hour meeting:**

**Connection:** 30 Minutes (visiting / snacks / announcements / ice breakers)

**Content:** 30 Minutes (Observation and Interpretation questions):

**Commission:** 10-15 minutes (Application questions)

**Care:** 15-30 minutes (Sharing and Prayer)

**Connection:** 15-30 minutes (visiting / snacks)

### LEADING SERMON-BASED DISCUSSIONS:

- Read the scripture passage(s) together as a group.
- Direct people back to the text if they are going on rabbit trails or talking about opinions and speculation, by asking, "Where do you see that in the text? What answer does the text provide for that question?"
- As you transition to prayer time, pray through the issues and ideas that the text brought up.

### ROMANS SERMON SERIES

Our Fall Sermon Series in Romans is highly practical! In Romans 1-11 Paul provides a theological framework for the Christian Faith. Now, in the final section of this letter, he gives the church in Rome specific examples of how this faith should be lived out.

**Benefits of this series:** It will feel highly practical for all of your group members. Romans 12-16 will force them to reflect on how their faith impacts their everyday life.

**Potential pitfalls of this series:** It is easy to fall into moralism and legalism when we focus on what we should and should not do if we are Christians. Keep this in mind! The sermon discussion questions will aim to remind us of the gospel truths behind each command.

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## Observation

*This section is aimed at helping people observe the details of the text: what is written, what words or ideas are repeated and emphasized, the text's structure and how this text fits into the wider context of the book of Romans.*

1. Read Romans 14:13-15:6.
2. How ought a stronger Christian relate to a weaker Christian?
3. What is the danger of being a stumbling block/living in your Christian freedom?
4. What is the positive result of limiting your Christian freedom?
5. According to this text, when it comes to disputable matters what makes something clean or unclean?

## Interpretation

*This section is aimed at linking the current text to other texts or to the bigger biblical narrative. If you are running out of time, feel free to skip this section.*

1. Read Matthew 18:6-9.  
From Jesus' perspective, how serious is it to cause someone to stumble?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:8-9 and Philippians 2:3-8.  
How does Christ's example challenge us to live for the other?
3. The church in Corinth was struggling with a similar issue. Read 1 Corinthians 8 (in its entirety).  
In what ways is this text similar to that of Romans 14:13-15:6?

## Application

*This section is aimed at helping people apply what we have read in the text to our lives. It is intended to foster more open-ended discussion as people connect the text to their everyday life, and reflect on how it changes the way they think and act.*

1. We live in a world obsessed with instant pleasure. Is it easier to prioritize your own pleasures or someone else's weakness? How can we work towards bearing with others over ourselves?
2. What are some ways that we might create stumbling blocks for our weaker brothers and sisters? In what ways might this destroy someone's faith?
3. What are some stumbling blocks that others might place before you? How can we deal with these issues?