### SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea:

We can be different

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Daniel 1
Acts 2:41-47
Acts 15:13-31
1 Corinthians 10:14-33
Colossians 2:8-23

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Romans 14:1-15:13

What were two of the main challenges to congregations made up of Jews and Gentiles?
What were the Jewish and Gentile perspectives on these issues?
Who are we to live for? How does this impact your personal decisions on these issues?
Complete this sentence: If in doubt \_\_\_\_\_\_. What are some areas of your life that would change if this was your constant guide?
How much are the issues that divided the early Christians still dividing us today?
What do you think are the most divisive issues among Christians today?
How would Paul challenge us to resolve these divisions?
What is the overall goal of Paul's instruction?

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Praise God for all the wonderful choices
He has created for us.

Agree with God about your tendency to regard
your choices as superior to someone else's.
Thank God for the diversity of life.
Ask God for opportunities to experience
different ways to do life together in Him.

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### **FAMILY RESOURCE**

Big Idea:

### We can be different

### **READ ROMANS 14:1**

What are the disputable matters in your family? In your school? At your church?

### **READ ROMANS 14:4-6 & 12**

What foods do you eat? Why? What holidays do you celebrate? Why? Do you do these things because of God?

### **READ ROMANS 14:13-15**

Make an obstacle course and run through it. How can the way you treat people keep them from seeing God?

### **READ ROMANS 14:20-21**

Plan to invite some friends over for dinner. Carefully choose your menu!

### **READ ROMANS 14:20-21 & 15:3 & 7**

Who is our example of how to treat people?

How does the way we treat people bring praise to God?

Do you have an example to share?

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

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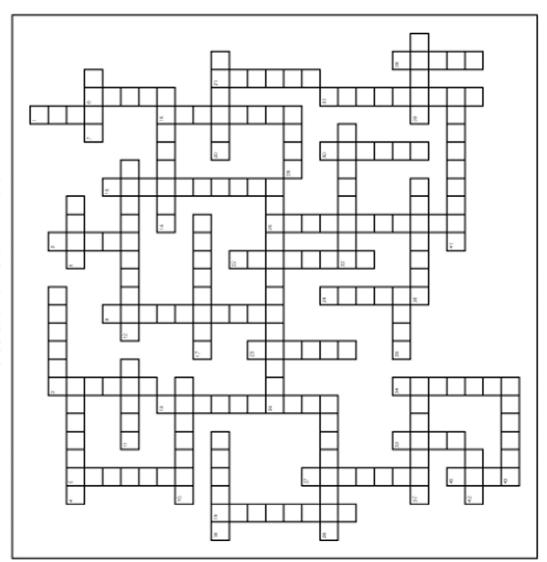
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# ROMANS 14:1-15:13

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# Across

- holy or special (Romans 14:5)

- report (Romans 14:12)
  not strong (Romans 14:2)
  tood from animals (Romans 14:7)
  songs sung to God (Romans 15:9)
  upset (Romans 14:15)
  have more than you can hold (Romans 15:13)
- should not be touched or eaten (Romans 14:14)
- came back (Romans 14:9) 24.67.1.24.67.8
- leader or owner (Romans 14:4)
- agreed upon (Romans 14:19)
  1 of 3 descriptions of the kingdom (Romans 14:17)
  aged grape juice (Romans 14:21)
  those who are not Jews (Romans 15:9)
  person that is near (Romans 15:2) 8,4,8,8
- opposite of up (Romans 14:3)
- celebrate (Romans 15:10) 335.23
- honor and worship (Romans 15:6) oneness (Romans 15:5) ଞ୍ଚ
- persistent strength (Romans 15:4) 1 of 3 descriptions of the kingdom (Romans 14:17) things you are unsure of (Romans 14:23)

## Down

- a leg joint (Romans 14:11)
- opposite of weak (Romans 15:1) 1 of 3 descriptions of the kingdom (Romans 14:17) judge as bad (Romans 14:3)
- permit (Romans 14:16) unclear or arguable (Romans 14:1) food from plants (Romans 14:2)

  - spiritual ancestors (Romans 15:8) it gets in the way (Romans 14:13) given the "OK" (Romans 14:18)
    - welcome (Romans 14:1)
- does not do something (Romans 14:7) our example in loving others (Romans 15:3) encouragement or lifting up (Romans 14:19) fall down (Romans 14:20)

  - - are a part of (Romans 14:8)
- you use this to speak (Romans 14:11) sure (Romans 14:5)
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- expectation of a future (Romans 15:4) thinks (Romans 14:6)
  - hold ground or place (Romans 14:4)
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