



## THE INDISPUTABLES

ROMANS 14:1 \* OCTOBER 8, 2023

### UNDERSTANDING THE TERMS

ROMANS 14:1; 1 CORINTHIANS 5-6

*weak faith* = a weak faith is more comfortable with \_\_\_\_\_ than with \_\_\_\_\_; rules provide \_\_\_\_\_ for the weak in faith → this is the draw of \_\_\_\_\_.

*disputable matters* = differences of \_\_\_\_\_, issues on which the Bible does not give \_\_\_\_\_.

*indisputable matters* = any \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine that are clearly taught in the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 5 speaks to \_\_\_\_\_  
for which we are to judge our brother;

Romans 14 speaks to \_\_\_\_\_  
for which we are not to judge one another.

## HOW TO JUDGE THE INDISPUTABLE MATTERS?

*Who?* → \_\_\_\_\_ and those who \_\_\_\_\_  
to be Christians — never \_\_\_\_\_.

*What?* → \_\_\_\_\_ sin — not \_\_\_\_\_ areas.

*Where?* → In \_\_\_\_\_, unless the offense was  
\_\_\_\_\_ in nature.

*When?* → \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to anyone else.

*Why?* → In order to \_\_\_\_\_ a person.

MATTHEW 7:1-16; JOHN 7:24; 2 TIMOTHY 4:2; TITUS 3:10-11;  
1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-12; MATTHEW 18:15-17; JAMES 5:19-20

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. In the 1924 Olympics Eric Liddell refused to run a qualifying race on Sunday, even though failure to qualify would eliminate him from competition. He believed that to run on Sunday would break the commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." Do you think his decision was right or wrong? Explain.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-13. How is Paul's strategy of discipline designed to bring health to both the church and the individual? Why do you think so few churches today practice church discipline?
3. According to Paul, what do the yeast, the bread without yeast and the Passover lamb symbolize (verses 6-8)? How does this analogy help us relate to people who bring their pre-Christian lifestyles into the church?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Paul mentions the kinds of people who will not inherit the kingdom of God. Why do you think he warns us against being deceived about this? How had the Corinthians changed since becoming Christians? Why had they changed?
5. Read Romans 14:1. What are some things we should do before we decide that Scripture is not clear on an issue, and that therefore it is a disputable matter? When Scripture is not clear/direct on an issue, how should a person decide what is right and wrong?