

# T H E R E F O R E

FEBRUARY 02

## CONVERSATION STARTER

Read Galatians 5:22-23

How does the fruit of the Holy Spirit apply to disagreements between believers?

What about a disagreement with a non-believer?

## DEEPER

### Read Romans 14:13-18

1. Discuss verses 17-18. What value does Paul place on eating and drinking in the kingdom of God? What three things does he identify as characteristics of the kingdom of God?
2. What is righteousness? How can a believer serve Christ in righteousness?
3. What is peace? How can a believer serve Christ in peace?
4. What is joy in the Holy Spirit? How can a believer serve Christ in joy of the Holy Spirit?
5. Discuss verse 14-15. What is Paul's position on grieving a brother because of food that Paul is convinced by the Lord is clean? See also 1 Corinthians 8:13.
6. **Read Romans 14:19** What does Paul mean by writing "pursue what makes for peace" among the body of Christ? What are some examples of these things?
7. What does Paul mean by writing "pursue what makes for mutual upbuilding" among the body of Christ? What are some examples of these things that edify or build up fellow believers?
8. In an area of disagreement among believers, how can each party show more concern about the spiritual growth of the other than winning an argument?

9. Are you in God's Word regularly? Discuss how you are learning from God's Word on a regular basis.
10. What truth from God's Word has been in the forefront for you this week? How has that truth made you feel or think?
11. What is the first Bible verse that comes to mind that you have memorized? Why is that valuable in your life?

## NOTES

## PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for your relationships with fellow believers, family members, church family, and those you encounter in your daily walk with the Lord. Ask God to help you pursue peace and build one another up when you are discussing issues of disagreement. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to those who have yet to believe and trust Jesus as Lord of their lives.