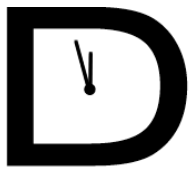


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## ***Breakaway Discussion***

### ***Culture Questions:***

***What do you do when you pull up to a four way stop at the exact moment as another car?***

***What do you do when you approach the door at Tim Horton's at the same moment as someone else?***

***Define:***        ***Surrender -***  
                      ***Rights -***  
                      ***Autonomy -***

### ***Key Verse:***

**Romans 14:13** – “So don't condemn each other anymore. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not put an obstacle in another Christian's path.” (NLT)

Read Romans 14:1-2 – Omnivores vs. Vegetarians

What other differences in belief or conviction might tend to separate people? (eg. Political party, etc.)

## **Group Study**

### **Read Romans 14:1-15:7**

What attitude should people on both sides of the dietary debate have in common? (14:6)

Does this apply to the other categories we came up with?

## **Acceptance Guided by Truth**

But if we're to accept other people's viewpoints, ***where do we draw the line?***

**Romans 14:14** – God's Word trumps any viewpoint that might fall outside it's truth.

Acts 10:9-20 – BG: A Gentile (non-Jewish) Roman Officer is visited by an angel and is told to seek out Peter to hear the Gospel.

Our acceptance of others' opinions always has to fall within the teaching of God's Word.

What controversial subjects debated today are clearly answered and addressed in Scripture? (eg. Homosexuality)

## **Knowing Your Convictions**

Why is it important to have clear convictions, knowing we are supposed to accept others' convictions anyway? (14:22-23)

## **Love for Others Trumping Personal Satisfaction**

What is wrong with the following attitude?

*“Why should I care if someone else is offended by my actions? I'm not doing anything wrong?”*