

# Living Connections Bible Study



## Handling My Brother's Scruples

### Prayer

**Icebreaker:** Give some examples of scruples, taboos, sacred cows and traditions Christians sometimes hold onto because of their upbringing, church background, culture etc.

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**Text:** Romans 14:1-12

1. How are we to react when a believer comes into our fellowship who has scruples against participating or partaking of certain things? Verses 1-2; 15:7; John 6:37

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2. Are there any dietary restrictions placed on believers during this *Church Age*?  
1 Timothy 4:4-5; Acts 15:19-20

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3. Why does Paul refer to the person who refrains from eating certain foods (as in the case of vegetarians) as being weak in faith? Verses 1-2, 22-23; Acts 10:9-15

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4. Why would some Jewish believers go so far as to reject all meats and eat only vegetables? verse 2  
Daniel 1:8-16

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5. What directive does Paul give to us so that the family of God can live in harmony with those whose scruples are different than their own? Verses 3-4; Ephesians 1:6

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6. Is Paul saying it isn't important what we believe about what we eat or don't eat, and whether we esteem one day of worship above another? Verses 5-6

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7. Whether one eats or doesn't eat, or esteems one day of worship above another, or all days alike, what is our motivation to be regardless of what side of these things we come down on? Verses 5-6 Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 10:31

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8. Who are we to live and die for, and why? Verses 7-9; Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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9. What reason does Paul give for not judging and condemning another brother with differing scruples to our own? Verses 10-12; Phillipians 2:10-11; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 2:28

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**Think about it this week**

*So we are always confident,  
knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.  
For we walk by faith, not by sight.  
We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.  
Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.  
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
that each one may receive the things done in the body,  
according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

2 Corinthians 5:6-10