

## **Study Guide: How to Be a Christian: With Grace**

### **Reading:**

- Romans 13:10
- Romans 14:1-12

### **Warm Up:**

- Reflect on a time when you felt judged for your beliefs or practices. How did it affect your relationship with others?
- What are some personal convictions you hold that might differ from those around you?

### **Scripture Exploration:**

- Read Romans 14:1-12. What are the key issues Paul addresses in this passage?
- How does Paul suggest we handle differences in convictions within the Christian community?
- Why does Paul emphasize the importance of not judging others over disputable matters?

### **Personal Reflection:**

- What does it mean to "live to the Lord" as described in Romans 14:8?
- How can the principle of "love does no harm to a neighbor" (Romans 13:10) guide our interactions with others?
- Consider the implications of Romans 14:10-12 on how we view accountability before God.

### **Personal Application:**

- Identify one area where you have been judgmental towards others' beliefs or practices. How can you extend grace instead?
- How can you ensure that your personal convictions do not become barriers to fellowship with others?
- What steps can you take to foster unity within your church community despite differing opinions?
- Plan a conversation with someone who has a different perspective from yours. Focus on understanding their "why" behind their beliefs or practices.