

Study Guide: How to Be a Christian: Edifying Others

Reading:

- Romans 14:13-23
- Leviticus 19:28
- Revelation 19:16

Warm Up:

- Can you recall a time when you had to choose between exercising your personal freedom and considering someone else's feelings? How did you handle it?
- What are some non-essential beliefs or practices that you hold onto tightly? Why do you think they are important to you?

Scripture Exploration:

- Read Romans 14:13-23. What does Paul mean by not putting a stumbling block in another's way?
- How does Paul's teaching in Romans 14 reflect the diversity of the early Church in Rome?
- Examine Leviticus 19:28. How does understanding the historical and cultural context of this verse change its application today?

Personal Reflection:

- What principles can you extract from Romans 14:13-23 about living in Christian community?
- How do the teachings in Romans 14 relate to Jesus' command to love your neighbor as yourself?
- Consider the symbolism in Revelation 19:16. How does this imagery contribute to our understanding of Christ's lordship?

Personal Application:

- In what ways can you prioritize peace and edification in your interactions with others this week?
- How can you demonstrate love that prioritizes others' spiritual well-being over your personal liberties?
- Identify a non-essential belief or practice you hold. How can you approach discussions about it with others in a way that builds up rather than divides?
- Plan a specific action you can take to support someone who is new in their faith journey, ensuring that your actions do not become a stumbling block for them.