



WEEK ELEVEN | CONCERNING DISPUTABLE MATTERS

Paul is having to deal with some tough issues with the Corinthian church. The blessing of doing a longer and thorough series like this one is the sheer breadth of issues and topics we go through together to build our faith. Disputable matters are ever-present in life, whether they are church-related or in our personal relationships. We will find that the solution is the same in the end.

What do you tend to give more attention and passion to than you should?

What has been the result of doing that?

TALK ABOUT IT

Why is it hard sometimes determining what matters are disputable and which ones are not?

Don't get in a fight here (tongue and cheek but not completely), **What are some examples of what are "disputable matters" and what are some "essential" ones?**

Why do you think there are disagreements on what you see as disputable and someone else in the group sees it differently?

Read 1 Corinthians 8:4-7. (Start with "There is no God but one.")

It is important to remember, here, that Paul is talking about disputable matters being about the nature of God, who he is. These people are still learning that.

When is it appropriate to yield to a weaker or new believer?

When do you cross the line of enabling spiritual immaturity?

APPLY IT

Russ said, "The defining characteristic of a Christian is not how much you know but how much you love."

Talk about that.

What should you do when it's obvious a dispute is grounded more in emotion and passion than love and understanding?

PRAY

Start now and make this time an indispensable part of your group time. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.