

**1. Be sensitive to those who are weak**

- a) Romans 14:1–4; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13
- b) Why is it important not to judge or despise others who act differently from us?
- c) Romans 14:5–13, what is Paul’s main point here?
- d) Compare Romans 14:5 and Romans 14:12. What important lesson can we learn for every aspect of Christian living?
- e) Romans 14:14–15, motivated by love
- f) What does our culture teach us about how to interact with those who we perceive to be weak?
- g) How can we learn to be more sensitive to those who are weak?

**2. Actively seek to edify one another**

- a) Romans 14:16–23
- b) Romans 15:1–2; Ephesians 4:29
- c) Romans 15:5–6
- d) Romans 15:7, what teaching of Jesus affirms this principle for Christian living?
  - i) Matthew 7:12
  - ii) John 13:34
- e) Share a time when a brother or sister in Christ actively sought to build you up.

**3. Know the Scriptures**

- a) The apostle Paul was well acquainted with the Scriptures. What passages does he refer to Romans 15:9–12?

- b) Romans 15:4, what stories in the Scriptures give you hope?
- c) The Scriptures are not always easy to understand (2 Peter 3:16). What promises did Jesus give to those who want to understand the Scriptures?
  - i) John 14:26
  - ii) John 16:13–15
  - iii) John 8:31–32

**4. Final words of encouragement, warning, and blessing**

- a) Romans 15:13
- b) Romans 16:17
- c) Romans 16:20
- d) Romans 16:24–27
- e) What lesson can we learn from the numerous greetings Paul gives to believers in Romans 16?
- f) What are your thoughts about Tertius, the scribe, including his own personal greeting? Romans 16:22

**5. Discussion questions**

- a) Why do you think Paul devotes the last third of his letter to practical issues of Christian living?
- b) What is the most important lesson you have learned from your study of Paul’s letter to the Romans?

