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Scruples are moral dilemmas without a clear direction from scripture. Paul addresses how to navigate scruples in Romans 14. Weak Christians had sensitive convictions about eating meat, drinking, and observing holidays. Strong Christians felt the Gospel freed them from following these rules and regulations. This passage reframes the argument from being right or wrong to making choices based out relationship and God's love for others.

What scruples (moral dilemmas) have you encountered or observed within the church?

Read Romans 14:1-23. What misunderstandings does Paul want to clear up in the passage?

How does Paul challenge the "weak" in the passage? (Romans 14:9-13, 22-23)

How does Paul challenge the "strong" in the passage? (Romans 14:15-21)

Pick a modern day scruple that you mentioned in the first question as a case study. What would the "weak" need to understand? What would the "strong" need to understand?

What characteristics emerge from a community who accept one another in God's love? In what ways, could your group grow in accepting one another? (Romans 12:7-12; 15-21)

Who have you judged that Jesus would call you to accept?