

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 13, 2021
Romans 13:11-15:13

1. Read Romans 13:11-14. What is Paul telling them in this passage?
 - a. Jesus will come back soon.
 - b. We can't live the same way we did in the past because it is time to wake up now that we have the knowledge of Christ.
 - c. We don't want to be the virgins who aren't ready for the bridegroom or the servant who isn't ready for his master's return (Matthew 24:36-25:13).
 - d. Don't think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh (not thinking about it would be a good start if you weren't going to do it anymore).

2. Read Romans 14:1-15:13. What is this passage talking about?
 - a. There are disputes within the church about what things are ok to do and to eat and what things aren't (see also 1 Corinthians 8).
 - b. Some people think that certain things are sinful and should be avoided.
 - c. Some people think that there is no legitimate reason for some things to be avoided.

3. How does Paul respond?
 - a. He explains that it is an issue of faith. Some are weaker in the faith and must be rigid in their rules.
 - b. He corrects the people who think certain things should be avoided by telling them to loosen up!
 - c. He corrects those with freedom in their faith because of their lack of love (14:15).

4. What does verse 14:7 mean? _____

5. Who will we have to give an account for to God, according to 14:10-12? _____

6. Does this mean that our faith is our own business? Yes_____ No_____ Maybe_____ Explain (see 14:7, 14:12, 14:13, 14:15, 14:19, 14:22, 15:1). _____

7. What does it mean that "everything that does not come from faith is sin" (14:23b)?
 - a. If your faith is weak, you're a sinner.
 - b. "But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat..."
 - c. If you aren't absolutely sure that it is ok, you better not do it.
 - d. If there is any chance that you are stepping outside of God's will or leading others astray, you better run far away from that thing.
 - e. Sometimes we can justify something being ok with our mind, but we still don't have peace about it in our heart. Better go with your heart.

8. Is there anything in your life that may be causing others to stumble or that you are doing even though there is a doubt in your heart whether it is the right thing? _____
