

**New year.
New me.
Same doubt.**

Discussion Questions

1. Where have you personally seen disagreement destroy a church—not because of the issue itself, but because of contempt or judgment? Be concrete. What actually broke first?
2. Paul names “disputable matters.” How do you decide—honestly—what you treat as central versus what you functionally treat as central? Where might those two differ?
3. Which posture do you drift toward under tension: freedom that slips into contempt, or restraint that slips into judgment? What usually triggers that drift?
4. Why do you think “staying” is harder than leaving when disagreement gets uncomfortable? What do we lose spiritually when departure becomes our default conflict strategy?
5. Paul says, “Who are you to judge someone else’s servant?” What role do you most struggle to give up—judge, manager, or protector of someone else’s faith? Why that one?
6. Where do you feel pressure—spoken or unspoken—to land in the “right” place in church culture in order to belong? How does that pressure shape what you share or withhold?
7. The sermon claims unity is sustained by shared surrender, not shared conclusions. Do you actually believe that can work long-term, or does part of you doubt it? Why?
8. When have you confused clarity with control—either in yourself or in the church? What felt at risk if control was loosened?
9. Paul relocates judgment to God. What anxiety rises in you when you hear that? What do you fear would happen if God didn’t judge on your timeline?
10. If this community really lived Romans 14 consistently, what would have to change in how you speak, post, vote, serve, or argue this year? Name one costly but concrete shift.