

The Spirit and Matters of Conscience Romans 14:17-19

In matters of personal conviction/conscience (i.e., matters to which scripture does not speak explicitly), the guidance I receive from the Spirit is personal to me and to my own spiritual best interests. It is _____

Discussion 1. As you moved through this lesson, what “matters of conscience” came to your mind? What is the bigger struggle for you: judging others for how they handle their own matters of conscience OR feeling offended by those who try to impose their matter of conscience on you?

Life in Christ is all about the righteousness and peace and joy which the Spirit brings. When we try to make it instead about all the differences among us, we send all the _____ to a watching world.

Discussion 2. Is there a matter of conscience that some Christians handle differently from you and of which you simply need to let go? Do you feel the peace and joy that comes with letting it go? Why or why not?

In matters of conscience, being “acceptable to God” means _____ others by our conscience and not causing others to stumble when their conscience is different from ours. Look around and ask yourself how “acceptable to God” you think we are today.

Discussion 3. Is there a particular “matter of conscience” (as we have defined that terms in this lesson) of which you believe Christians are having a hard time letting go today?

A Spirit-filled life focused on peace and mutual upbuilding necessarily means relationships (both with God and with others) are among the _____ in this world.

Discussion 4. We should be holding our own “matters of conscience” before the Lord and asking for the Spirit’s guidance. What does that look like when you do it? What “next steps” can you identify to help you do it better?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?