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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Who has been one person in your life you could always count on when you need help?
- 2) What is something you enjoy doing by yourself, and what is something you would much rather do with other people?

Read Romans 14:7-12

- 3) Why does Paul move from talking about belonging to the Lord to talking about judging other Christians?
- 4) What is the difference between being accountable to God and holding other people accountable to our standards?
- 5) In what ways is judgement a part of salvation?

Read the following quote from Elder Zosima in *The Brothers Karamazov*. *There is only one route to salvation: take yourself in hand and make yourself responsible for the sins of everyone. My friend, that is the truth, because as soon as you make yourself responsible for everything and everyone, you will see at once that it is really so, that you really are responsible for everything and everyone. Blaming others will end by partaking of Satan's pride and grumbling against God.*

- 6) What do you think Elder Zosima means when he says that we should “make yourself responsible for the sins of everyone”?
- 7) How does Jesus' willingness to take responsibility for the sins of others on the cross help us understand Zosima's statement?
- 8) Who in your life might need you to take greater responsibility for them rather than simply expecting them to take responsibility for themselves?