

# MARINERS CHURCH



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## We're Better Together When We Give Up Our Rights

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*"For they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it." -Jesus, John 17:14-17*

*Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others. 1 Corinthians 10:24*

*For one person has faith to eat all things, while another, who is weak, eats only vegetables. One person regards a certain day above the others, while someone else considers every day alike. Romans 14:2-5*

*I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong. Romans 14:14*

*Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and their weak consciences are violated. 1 Corinthians 8:8*

*1 Corinthians 8:15-21*

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17*

## We are all different.

## My debt is to love you.

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. Romans 13:8*

## I will surrender my rights for you.

*Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall. 1 Corinthians 13:8*

*Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 1 Corinthians 9:19*

*"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." -Jesus, Matthew 6:33*

## I don't belong here anymore.

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

What is your favorite "food vice" (something you probably shouldn't eat but can't stay away from)?

Read Romans 14.

It is a 'given' that we all sin. Talk together about why some people are more sensitive to some sins than others.

Why do you think some things can be sin to one person and not to another?

What is your view on a Christian's use of: cannabis, tobacco, alcohol, playing with tarot cards? What would you say to a person who is "doing" this kind of stuff?

What would be your feeling if someone told you to give up something because it was making others 'stumble into sin?' Would you really give it up?

Should you ever be involved in telling a fellow believer that what they are doing is sinful? When and how?

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org