

**Reconnect**  
Rebuild – Part 2 of 4  
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**How to relate to one another with different opinions**

1. Welcome the weak and refuse to fight about opinions

*Romans 14:1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. (ESV)*

2. Accept with grace

*Romans 14:2-3 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. (ESV)*

**CIV's Statement of Beliefs**

<http://www.churchinthevalley.com/whoweare/#whatwebelieve-anchor>

3. Refuse to judge

*Romans 14:4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. (ESV)*

"Pass Judgment": to call into question

4. Make up your own mind

*Romans 14:5-6 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. (ESV)*

5. Focus on peace and building each other up

*Romans 14:19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. (ESV)*

**My Next Step Today is to...**

- ☐ Clear up relationships that have been broken during the pandemic.
- ☐ Join a Group
- ☐ Begin the process of becoming a member at CIV by attending...
  - CIV Preview on 2/6
  - CIV Discover 101 on 2/27