1. **Romans 14:1-12**

* What topics are being addressed by Paul in this passage?
* Why do you think Paul is addressing these topics in the community?
* What might it mean to be “weak in faith”?
* **Matthew 6:27-30, Matthew 8:23-26, Matthew 14:26-31, Matthew 16:5-12, Matthew 17:14-21**
* What would you say is the theme of these **Gospel** readings?
* Who is Jesus speaking to in these **Gospel** readings?
* What message do you get out of these **Gospel** readings?
* In Romans, Paul calls the community to “welcome” those who are who are “weak in faith, but not for disputes over opinions,” why might there be a need to say such a thing to them?
* **St. Chrysostom** (347 – 407 A.D.) *Homilies on Romans 25*

“Paul points out that the person in question here is not healthy and that he must be received because he needs a lot of attention because of his infirmity. Furthermore, he makes it appear that the weak man’s error is of such nature that the others, although they do not share his weakness, are nevertheless disconcerted by it and liable to fall into uncertainty themselves.”

* Is there still a possibility for situations to occur in the Church community today, such as the one **St. Chrysostom** has described, where we may need to consider this directive from Paul, please share your thoughts?
* **Leviticus 19:15, Luke 12:54-59, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Catechism 1807**
* Which Cardinal Virtue did the **Catechism** address?
* Considering that all God’s people must make judgements at times and have even been called to do so in the scriptures, why do you believe Paul is now asking the question “Why then do you judge your brother?”, what is different about this situation and their judgment in your opinion?
* How does Paul remind us to judge justly here in Romans?
* **St. Augustine** (354 – 430 A.D) *On Romans 79*

“Paul says this so that, when something might be done with either good or bad motives, we should leave the judgment to God and not presume to judge the heart of someone else, which we do not see. But when it comes to things which obviously could not have been done with good and innocent intentions, it is not wrong if we pass judgement. So, in the matter of food, where it is not known what the motive in eating is, Paul does not want us to be judges, but God.”

* Share a thought you have about **St. Augustine’s** commentary here on Romans.
* Please share something that stood out for you today.