

CONNECT Group study questions for Dec. 9, 2018
Title: "Being Scrupulous About Scruples"

1. Over the course of our study in Romans we spent several weeks on the topic of gray areas. During our discussion, we made an important distinction between the commands of the Bible and things that are *scruples*.

- Think back to our previous discussions. What things stood out to you?
- Have you incorporated this concept into your life since that part of the series? How?
- Is it difficult for you to distinguish the gray areas of Scripture in yourself? Others?

2. Throughout our lives the things that we care about change. Something that seemed important a few years ago can almost seem silly to us now. The same sort of thing happens as we grow in our Christian walk. As we gain new insight into our relationship with God, we will inevitably see some things differently than we used to.

- What perspectives/values can you see that have changed in your life in general? What led to these changes?
- What perspectives/values can you see that have changed in your spiritual life? What led to these changes?

3. As Christians we are sure to encounter gray areas in our own lives. We encounter them as we examine our current situation, as we try new things, as we ponder Scripture, as we consider confronting someone in our lives, etc. So, what should we do when we encounter these gray areas? With the definition of gray areas in mind and a clear view of our own changes and growth, let's take a look at the principles we can use to help us now and into the future: 1. Expedience 2. Enslavement 3. Example 4. Equivocation 5. Encroachment 6. Emulations 7. Exaltation

- Which of these principles is the most difficult for you to apply to your life? Why?
- Which of these principles is the easiest? Why?
- How can application of these principles help your group grow in Christ and be more accepting/inviting to new members, especially non-Christians?
- What impact will they have on our personal growth? Our interactions with others? In our evangelism?