

Week 17 - Romans Series
Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Romans 6:15-23

Discussion:

1. From your cultural and social history, what images and feelings do you associate with slavery?
2. How is the question in verse 15 another attempt to misuse Paul’s teaching on grace?
3. Whereas death was the image used in 1-14, in verses 15-23 Paul uses the image of slavery. What is the “cost and benefit” of each type of slavery? How does one become a slave to Christ?
4. From verse 19, how are we to live out our freedom from sin?
5. In your own spiritual life, when did you realize that you did not have to be a slave to your old desires?
6. In which areas of your life do you feel trapped like a slave?
7. How would seeing yourself as God’s willing servant have made a difference in your actions and attitudes this past week?
8. If we are no longer slaves to sin, then why would Paul give us instructions such as: *consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God, present your members as slaves to righteousness, let not sin reign in your mortal body, do not present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, etc?*
9. In v19 Paul says that when a person presents his/her members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, it results in more lawlessness. If a Christian chooses to walk in sin, do you think the same principle applies? Will sin lead to more sin? What are some things that can help break this cycle for a believer?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.