

**Week 20 - 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 7:14-25**

**Discussion:**

1. Prior to Paul’s conversion, how must he have felt about the inner turmoil described here? How did he try to deal with it then (see Philippians 3:4-6)? What has he found in Christ?
2. In light of your own struggle with sin, how do you feel reading about Paul’s conflict? How is this a model for a healthy, realistic self-image?
3. Verse 21 says, “evil is right there with me.” Do you actively feel this type of struggle in your life? Or do you blame other sources for your struggles?
4. If you were comparing your spiritual life to a football game, what would the score be? What quarter is it? Are you now on offense or defense? What is your game plan? How does knowing Christ make a difference?
5. When have you experienced the sense of Jesus rescuing you from sin or situations that were way to big for you to handle? How does Jesus help you now?
6. Romans 7 reminds us that all of us behave in ways we do not want to; yet, often we find ourselves judging others and holding them to the same standards we don’t want applied to ourselves. What can Paul’s lament teach us about how we are to reach out to others, perhaps those who need help because of circumstances of their own creation?

**Prayer:** Take time to pray together as a group.