

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ROMANS 6

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OPENING QUESTION

What are some things that can help a person make good choices when they have several options?

LOOKING FOR: *Good choices often come from slowing down, thinking ahead, seeking wise advice, and asking what would honor God.*

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Before someone trusts Jesus, sin acts like a master, and its only wage is death. When a person is joined to Christ by faith, God breaks sin's power to rule over them and gives them a new master — not because they earned it, but as a gift of grace. No Christian will live a perfect life here, but they are being changed, little by little, into people who actually want what is good. Winning the fight against sin is less about willpower and more about remembering who we now belong to. Pastor Sean mentioned that sanctification is like peeling an onion — one layer after another, God reveals things in our lives that we need to work on.

WAGES OF SIN

1. Sin = Death — in the Life of the Unbeliever

CONTEXT Sin's only payment is death (v. 23) — eternal life in Christ is a gift, not something earned.

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Sin = Death — in the Life of the Believer

CONTEXT Verse 16 pictures obedience as slavery — a person serves whichever master they keep obeying, sin or righteousness.

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:16

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

***As followers of Jesus Christ, we are still not capable of living a perfect life.
But we can live in Christ a life that is being perfected.***

DISCUSSION QUESTION 1

Paul says that sin leads to death. Why do you think it can be easier to see that truth in other people's lives than in our own?

LEADER OPTIONAL — *if more clarity or depth is needed*

What helps us listen when someone lovingly points out something we may not see in ourselves?

WHEN WE SIN

1. Is This Sin Ruling My Life?

CONTEXT Verse 12 is a command, not a suggestion — don't let sin reign in your body, even though it still fights for control.

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:12

Therefore sin is not to reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

2. Why Am I Acting as If I Am Still a Slave to Sin?

CONTEXT Verse 13a warns against handing your body over to sin as a tool for wrong.

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:13a

and do not go on presenting the parts of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness;

DISCUSSION QUESTION 2

Old habits can sometimes come back, even after we have decided to follow Christ. What can help us remember that sin is no longer our master?

LEADER OPTIONAL — *if more clarity or depth is needed*

What are some simple things that can remind us of who we belong to when we are facing temptation?

VICTORY OVER SIN

A. Remember the Love of God

CONTEXT Verse 13b flips the picture — offer yourself to God instead, as someone already alive from the dead.

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:13b

but present yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead, and the parts of your body to God as instruments of righteousness.

B. Remember God's Grace Brings Freedom

CONTEXT These verses trace the shift grace brings: no longer ruled by sin (v. 14), freed to obey from the heart (vv. 17–18), and free to look back honestly at what sin cost (v. 21).

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:14, 17–18, 21

[14] For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace. [17–18] But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness. [21] Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

DISCUSSION QUESTION 3

Paul says that we are under grace, not under the law. Why do you think it can sometimes be easier to follow a list of rules than to simply rest in God's grace?

LEADER OPTIONAL — if more clarity or depth is needed

What might it look like to give ourselves some grace (not sin) on a difficult day rather than feeling like we have to get everything right?

***Sin is not defeated by suppression — duty.
It is defeated by superior satisfaction — delight.***

CONTEXT Verse 19 pictures the body as a servant — once offered to sin, now offered to righteousness.

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:19

I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented the parts of your body as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

***What we present our time to, shapes us.
What we present our talents to, shapes us.
What we present our treasure to, shapes us.***

DISCUSSION QUESTION 4

Paul talks about turning our lives toward God and growing in holiness. What are some things that can help us enjoy God more and make old temptations less attractive?

LEADER OPTIONAL — if more clarity or depth is needed

How do things like prayer, worship, Scripture, or spending time with other believers help us grow closer to God?

CONTEXT These closing verses sum up the passage: slavery to sin looked like freedom but wasn't (v. 20); true freedom is belonging to God, and it leads to life (vv. 22–23).

ASK A MEMBER TO READ: Romans 6:20, 22–23

[20] For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in relation to righteousness. [22] But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTION 5

Paul describes a life with Christ as one that gradually produces good things. What are some signs of spiritual growth that we might notice in our lives — or in someone else's life?

LEADER OPTIONAL — if more clarity or depth is needed

Why is it sometimes easy to miss our own spiritual growth because it happens little by little?