

Wrestling with Romans
Romans 6
Discussion Guide, March 28, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

- How were you thankful for God's grace this past week?

OPEN:

- Finish the following sentence and explain your answer: When I make decisions, I base my decisions on _____.

READ and ASK: Romans 6

- What imagery does baptism give to our relationship in Christ?
- What makes it possible for a person to live a new life?
- Before a person is united to Christ, to what are they a slave?
 - o What are the symptoms of someone who is a slave to sin?
- How does being united to Christ change our relationship to sin?
- After Christ died and was raised, why did neither sin nor death have any power over Him?
- Under whose control does a Christian live?
- What are the results of being a slave to sin? A slave of God?
 - o What benefits and pleasures do people think they gain from sinful, selfish living?
 - o How does sin destroy a person's life?
 - o What are the benefits and pleasures of righteous living?
- Why can't a person be his or her own master, enslaved to neither God nor sin?
- What kind of changes does God want to make in our lives when we become Christians?

- Why should a Christian stop sinning even though he or she knows God has forgiven and will forgive those sins?
- How does God help a person discard old habits and tendencies?
- How would you describe the character of someone who is alive to God in Christ?
 - o What should a Christian's attitude be towards sin?
- In what ways is a Christian truly free?

APPLY:

- How can you actively resist the tendency to sin in your everyday life?
- If you are as honest as you can, who or what are you currently a slave to?
- NEXT STEP: How can you show your wholehearted obedience to God this week?

Memory Work: But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:22-23