

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

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: 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

- What intentional acts of obedience to God did you initiate this past week?

OPEN:

- What is the greatest earthly victory you have ever won?
 - o How does the compare with having victory in Christ?
 - o Why does it seem so much easier to celebrate worldly victories than our victory in Christ?

READ and ASK: Romans 8

- From verses 1-4, how would you explain the Gospel to someone who feels they are not "good enough" for God?
- In verses 5-11, what does Paul say about the option Christians have in living their life?
 - o Therefore, where is the battle for the control of your life going to be fought... and won or lost?
- How does the Spirit help us fight our battles?
- What do you think Paul means by "the glory to come?"
- What reason do we find for hope in vs 18-27?
- What confidence does verse 28 give believers about the events that happen in their lives?
 - o What do you find most difficult about believing this?
 - o When have you seen it be true?
 - o Does this passage say that God causes all things to happen?

- How do verses 31-34 support Romans 8:1?
- What is the difference between a Christian having hope verses thinking wishfully?
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APPLY:

- Of the “agents of suffering” in verses 35-39, which do you find most threatening?
 - o What present suffering are you struggling with?
 - o What have you found helpful in dealing with it? How does this passage speak to it?
- Do you currently feel more like a conqueror or do you feel more conquered? Why?
 - o Again, how does Romans 8 speak to that?
- What text within chapter 8 brings you the most encouragement today?
- NEXT STEP: How do you need to live more as a victor rather than a victim this week?

Memory Work: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, - Romans 8:1