

Wrestling with Romans
Romans 7
Discussion Guide, April 11, 2021

CHECK UP:

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

- In what way did you remember and live as a victor in Christ this past week?

OPEN:

- What good new year's resolutions have you made that you found yourself unable to keep?

READ and ASK: Romans 7

- What illustration did Paul use to explain a Christian's relationship to the written law? Can you explain it?
- What is the purpose of a Christian's new life? (vs 4)
- What changes a person's relationship to the law?
 - o When Paul says we have been released from the law, what implication does that have for Christian living?
 - o How can strict adherence to the law affect a Christian negatively?
 - o What is the difference between keeping religious laws and following the Spirit of Christ?
- How can reading and understanding God's law be discouraging?
- From reading this passage, what is your impression about Paul?
- What purpose does the law serve? What role should it play in a Christian's life?
- What should we do when we become discouraged and confused in our Christian lives?
 - o How can knowing that God has achieved the ultimate victory over sin affect your prayers, thoughts and attitudes?

APPLY:

- What kind of fruit are you bearing for God? (vs 4)
- How have you experienced a struggle with sin similar to what Paul describes?
- In light of your own struggles with sin, how do you feel about Paul's conflict?
- NEXT STEP: What recent struggle with sin do you need to hand over to God today?

Memory Work: Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!
- Romans 7:25