

Discussion Questions

Romans 6:1-14 - It Starts Today

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Ice Breaker (Optional. Take just a few minutes on this):

- A. What motivates people to make major changes in their lives?

Reflecting on the Passage

1. Why do you think Paul refers to baptism in verse 3? What does baptism symbolize about our relationship to Christ? (vss. 2-4)
2. How does God give us a new self? (vss 5-8)
3. List two or three ways Paul describes us before we were Christians (Romans 6:6).
4. Paul uses several word pictures to describe the relationship between a Christian and sin. He uses death, baptism, slave, and master. In your own words how would you describe the relationship between a Christian and sin?
5. After Jesus died and was raised, why did neither sin nor death have any power over Him? (vss 7, 9-10)
6. In a person's new relationship with God, what is his or her relationship to sin supposed to be? (vss. 11-12)
7. Is verse 14 a command or a promise/assurance? What difference does this make?

Reflecting on your Life

8. Where do you find hope in this passage? What encourages you? What is God calling you to?
9. What from this passage can you use to 1) encourage a believer or, 2) share the gospel with an unbeliever?
10. Victory over sin has been won. Battles with sin still continue. How would you encourage someone who is constantly losing the battle with sin? How would you encourage them if they feel they are not good enough to receive God's grace?
11. In what ways can you daily remind yourself of your victory over sin?
12. How does considering yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ affect your daily life?
13. In what practical sense is sin no longer the master of your life even though you might still commit specific sins?
14. In the sermon, Pastor Paul spoke of "passions" (v. 12) as desires for good things that have become ultimate things. Sin/idolatry is when we make a good thing an ultimate thing. What are some examples of good things that have become ultimate things?
15. In the sermon, Pastor Paul offered the three following tests to determine when something good in your life has become ultimate. Share with each other how you see these present in your life.
 - a. **Anger.** When something blocks you from getting a good thing, you get angry. When something blocks you from getting an ultimate thing, you blow up. This can often be seen in an unwillingness to forgive someone.

- b. **Fear.** When something good in your life is threatened, you're worried. When something ultimate in your life is threatened, you're paralyzed with fear.
 - c. **Sadness.** When something good in your life is lost, you grieve. When something ultimate in life is lost, you give up. You've got nothing to live for.
16. Discuss as a group ways of encouraging one another to die to sin and live for Christ. What actions might the group need to take in light of this discussion?
17. How can you offer yourself as an instrument of righteousness to God and to others this week?

Deeper into Scripture

18. Read Colossians 3:1-4. What similarities do you see here with what Paul writes in Romans 6:1-14?
19. What are two reasons that Christ gave himself for us, as written in Titus 2:11-14, especially verse 14?

From the bulletin.... ***Kingdom Implications for Your Life:***

20. *Take time this week to read Romans 6-8 at least once. Write down any key ideas or words that catch your attention and/or raise questions for you. Share these with a friend, your T-Group or with Pastor Paul.*