

Discussion Questions

Romans 7:13-25 - Not On My Own

Sunday, March 6, 2022

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

- A. How do you tend to respond to authority? Do you do what you're told or question why?

Reflecting on the Passage

1. How does the awareness of the Law produce death in a person? (v. 13)
2. What did Paul blame for the continued failure to do good? (v. 17-20)
3. How did Paul describe the struggle to do what is right? (vss. 21-23)
4. What was Paul's lament? What was his declaration? (vss. 24-25)

Reflecting on your Life

5. Where do you find hope in this passage? What encourages you? What is God calling you to?
6. What from this passage can you use to 1) encourage a believer or, 2) share the gospel with an unbeliever?
7. Discuss the difference between battling sin in your own strength and battling sin through the gospel.
8. Why is it liberating to be honest about your wretchedness, and certain about your forgiveness? What happens if we forget one or the other truth?
9. How does this passage impact your love for Christ? How does it impact your desire to serve Him? How does it impact your view of yourself?
10. In the sermon, Pastor Paul described the Law of God as serving as a giant magnet, drawing all sin into one place. On the one hand, this makes sin very powerful, but on the other hand this enabled God's plan to be carried out where the power of sin would be defeated on the cross.
 - a. In what ways have you experienced God's commandments as heightening the power of sin?
 - b. In what ways have you known Christ's death on the cross, and your identity in Him, to have broken the power of sin?
11. Share with one another how the experience of fasting is going for you. How has it helped you be present before God? Pray for each other, that God will use this to grow you in fruitfulness.

Deeper into Scripture

12. How do Galatians 5:17 and Romans 6:12-13 help us understand the challenges Christians face regarding sin in their everyday lives?
13. Read Isaiah 58. What does this passage say about how fasting can be done in a way that is not worshipful? What does it tell us about the kind of fasting that honors God?

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

14. *What will you be fasting from for the next twenty-one or forty-six days? Who will help you stay accountable? How do you desire the Lord to grow you in this season?*