

Romans 6:15-19 Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application¹:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. What is God thanked for in verse 17? Why would credit be given to him? If you are someone who leans on Christ as Savior and Lord take a moment to thank and worship God for doing this for you.
2. You are a slave to something. How will remembering this help you next time sin tempts you?
3. How would you use this passage to answer someone who says to you: *I don't like Christianity because it restricts my freedom?*
4. How would you use this passage to answer someone who says to you: *Why do you bother to obey God, if he already accepts you?*

Group Discussion Guide (*Prayer Guide on back*):

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are *optional*. Group Leaders please consult your leaders guide in the weekly email.

1. Share answers to question 3 above.
2. Share answers to question 4 above.
3. In what ways are the truths of Romans 6 (*like everyone's enslaved, or our profound union with Christ, or future resurrection-realities being experienced now, or the believer's choices to present themselves to God*) challenging your thinking so far? What ideas or concepts are you struggling to stop believing in light of Romans 6 or what ideas presented from Romans 6 are you struggling to accept? Why do you think this is a struggle? **Leaders:** When your group has shared their responses, be sure to **encourage** them from Romans 7:6 (the Holy Spirit will help) & 12:1-2 (God's mercies will help us to give ourselves wholly to him as our minds are being renewed by His word, especially Romans 1-11); AND also direct the group to **prayer**, asking God help us believe in line with his word. Don't move forward with praying together about these things.

¹ Questions 2-4 from Keller, Timothy. Romans 1-7 For You: For reading, for feeding, for leading (God's Word For You - Romans Series) (p. 154). The Good Book Company. Kindle Edition.

Prayer Guide:

- A. Let us pray for one another's needs (physical, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual). And ask God to glorify himself and change us to be more like Jesus. Pray that our friends and neighbors would see "pointers" to God's grace in our lives.
- B. Let us pray for our local, national, and global leaders, that their decisions would open doors for the gospel and that God would embolden believers to advance the gospel into difficult places.
- C. Pray that God would lead and direct the leaders and people of Country Bible. In particular ask for God to guide our steps into specific opportunities to glorify him in our trig-state area. What might our part be to strengthen or establish gospel-rooted healthy churches in areas of our region with access to biblical fellowship.