



Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. *Romans 6:17-18*



What rule or authority did you struggle with growing up? (bedtime, teachers, parents or something else?) Why?

Read Romans 6:15-23

1. Romans 6:16 informs us that we “become a slave to whatever we choose to obey.” In your own words – what does that mean?
 - What are some common things, good or bad, that tend to shape people’s decisions today?
 - Why do you think the idea of being a ‘slave’ to anything feels confronting?
2. Reread Romans 6:17-18 and read John 8:31-36.
How does the Bible describe the relationship between sin and freedom?
 - Why can sin feel like freedom at first but eventually become bondage?
 - Share an example (can be general, not necessarily personal) where doing whatever you want led to negative consequences.
 - How is God’s idea of freedom different from the world’s idea?

3. The message defined sin as *“Living like we don’t need God.”* How does that definition expand sin beyond just doing bad things?
 - When considering the above and Judges 21:25 is the *“right”* that people do necessarily bad by the world's standards?
 - Why is that wrong then?
 4. Read Colossians 1:13-14 and Romans 12:1-2. What does it mean for you when God says he has *“transferred us into the kingdom of His son?”*
 - Why is renewing our minds essential for living under God’s leadership?
 - What areas are hardest for people to surrender to God? (Example: time, money, relationships, habits, future plans)
 - What daily practices help someone to grow in obedience to God? (maybe read Luke 9:23 and Psalm 119:9-11)
 5. Romans 6:23. What is the difference between wages and a gift? Why is this contrast powerful?
 - Why do you think people struggle to accept salvation as a free gift?
 - How have you understood God’s grace and how has that motivated you to obey God rather than discouraging you?
 6. Let each person Read Psalm 139:23-24 and then have a short period of silence for them to dwell on this passage.
 - What is one area of your life where you sense God is asking for greater surrender?
 - What is one habit that may be negatively shaping your future if it continues?
 - What is one practical step you can take to surrender all of your life to Jesus?
 7. What would change this week if Jesus was genuinely the boss of your time, responses, decisions – in fact all of your life?
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