

REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Romans 6:15-23, 7:1-6

- You are a slave to something. How will remembering this help you next time sin tempts you?
- How would you use this passage to answer someone who says to you: *I don't like Christianity because it restricts my freedom?*
- 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?*
- Can you think of examples from your own past, or in the lives of those you know, of how slavery to sin is a kind of "death"?
- How does the image of belonging to Christ in marriage motivate you to live in a way which pleases him?
- What practical difference does the image of slavery to sin, or Jesus, need to make in your life today?



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Ocean Air Movie in the Park ~ Friday July 8th

Festivities start at 6pm, movie will start at dusk (7:30ish). Come out to meet and bless our neighbors in Carmel Valley. (Before the Movie, Wave will be passing out Cookies to all in attendance.) The Rec Center will be screening *The Minions!*

WHAT IS TRUE FREEDOM?

Romans 6:15-23

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TWO TRUTHS OF THE GOSPEL IN ROMANS:

GOD IS HOLY, SO OUR SINS REQUIRE THAT WE BE PUNISHED:

- You are more sinful than you could ever imagine.

GOD IS GRACIOUS, SO IN CHRIST OUR SINS ARE DEALT WITH:

- You are more accepted in Christ than you could ever imagine.

Romans 6:1-2 *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means!*

WHAT IS TRUE FREEDOM?

True freedom is slavery to Christ.

THREE TRUTHS THAT WILL SET YOU FREE

Romans 6:15-16 *What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

1. EVERYONE IS A SLAVE TO SOMETHING OR SOMEONE

Romans 6:17-19 ¹⁷ *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.*

2. I HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN, SO I CAN NOW

CHOOSE WHO WILL BE MY MASTER

- Fruit of Impurity = Lawlessness, more Lawlessness, Death
- Fruit of Righteousness = Gratitude, Obedience, Sanctification, Eternal Life

Romans 6:20-23 ²⁰ *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

3. I HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN, SO I WILL NO LONGER ACT LIKE I BELONG TO MYSELF

- There is a Freedom that leads to Slavery
- There is a Slavery that leads to Freedom