

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

FIGHTING SIN

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ROMANS 6:1-23

_____ gives _____. (Romans 6:1-10)

_____ gives _____. (Romans 6:15-22)

_____ gave _____. (Romans 6:23)

So, _____ give _____. (Romans 6:11-14)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: What's the most memorable ceremony you've ever been a part of or witnessed (graduation, wedding, etc.)?

1. Read Romans 6:1-23 out loud. Give everyone in the group time to jot down their observations (truths about God, repeated words, themes, striking details, questions, etc.). Go around the group and have each person share one observation and their thoughts about it.

2. In Romans 6:1, Paul asks, "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" Why is this a natural question? Why is it a problematic question?

In Romans 6:2, Paul responds strongly ("May it never be!") to the question about continuing to sin. Why do you think he has such a strong reaction?

3. Have you ever caught yourself or others using grace as an excuse? How can we tell the difference between genuine repentance and taking advantage of grace?

4. In the sermon, Clayton argued that baptism should happen soon after surrendering to Jesus, not after reaching "spiritual maturity." What might hold people back from getting baptized? How would you respond to someone who's been putting it off?

5. In Romans 6:6, Paul says "our old self was crucified with him." What do you think he means by "old self"? How is the old self being "crucified" different from just being forgiven?

6. In Romans 6:15-16, Paul talks about being slaves either to sin or to righteousness. Why does he use the language of slavery? What's the difference between these two masters?

7. In Romans 6:12-13, Paul uses the word "offer" three times. What does it mean to "offer" yourself to something?

8. Clayton suggested that confessing sin to another person helps "break the spell." Why might saying something out loud to someone else be more powerful than just thinking about it or praying about it privately?

9. When you're in a moment of temptation, what kind of "pre-loaded prayer" or plan might be helpful? Think of a common area of struggle and create a practical strategy.

10. In the sermon, Clayton mentioned avoiding situations where we're more likely to struggle. What are some practical "fighting smarter" strategies that don't involve just willpower? How can we avoid leaving "forwarding addresses" for temptation?

PRAYER PROMPT: Have each person think about a part of their lives they need to "offer" to God as "an instrument of righteousness." (e.g. "I offer my work to you...", "I offer my words to you...", "I offer my eyes to you...") Go around the group and pray a prayer offering that part of themselves to God in surrender.