

## **LIFE Group Sermon Questions**

Backward: Slavery is Freedom

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Romans 6:15-23



**Prayer Request:** Pray for our church to find joy in inviting people to church this Christmas season, and as a result we would see sinners set free from sin and bound to Christ in faith.

**Icebreaker:** What is your favorite thing to do when you have free time?

### **Read Romans 6:15-23**

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

**Sermon Outline:** How did this week’s sermon impact your life?

Life under the Lordship of Jesus:

- I. Freed from sin (Romans 6:18)
- II. Freed to obey (Romans 6:17)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What did you learn today about Romans 6 that you didn’t know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
  
2. Where else in the Bible does God use metaphor or illustration to make a difficult theological truth more clear?
  
3. Why do you think we naturally want to live life without any rules or restraints? How have you seen this impulse show up in your own life or in the lives of those you know?

4. Have you ever thought of Jesus as “Lord”? If you have, how has this shaped your Christian life? If you haven’t, how do you think it could reshape your Christian life?
5. From what sin has the Lord set you free? In what ways do you still stand guard against it?
- What sin are you battling right now? How could the truth of Christ’s breaking its *power* over you help you fight against it?
6. When have you experienced sin’s spiraling nature? When have you experienced its bitter shame? How has Jesus helped you overcome them?
7. In your own words: why is the Christian life not one of *ultimate* freedom? To whom do we now belong and why?
8. We have been freed from slavery to sin, and as such, freed *to obey* Christ.
- How has God’s Word brought clarity to your obedience?
  - How has God’s help given you strength in obedience?
  - How has God’s salvation provided motivation for your obedience?
9. How might you live for Jesus this week as one who belongs to him by faith?

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to live for you out of gratitude for all that you have done for us.