



ROMANS CHAPTER 6 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Why do you think people generally make excuses? Why do you typically make excuses?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with your group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Romans 6:1-23)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Romans 6:1-7

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- How do you allow God's grace and mercy to motivate and inspire you to be a better man or woman of God? What is difficult about this?

- These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

- Paul uses baptism as a picture of what should be consistently happening in the life of a Christian. Because of Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and our commitment to Him, we should be consistently remaining dead to those things that God placed to death in us when we became Christians. We should also be seeking to live resurrected lives in which are daily surrendering and submitting to Jesus.

- What are some things or areas that you struggle with in your life that you have to remember, "that's not of Jesus?"

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Romans 6:8-14

- Many times, we as Christians talk about ourselves as sinners, as broken, as dysfunctional and this list could go on and on and while all of these are true because we do still sin as human beings, pay attention to some of the language present in this text. Paul talks about sin no longer having mastery over the Christian. He talks about the Christian passing from death to life. He talks about living with and for Jesus. He talks about not letting sin reign in our mortal bodies. He talks about offering ourselves as instruments of righteousness. Consider the following questions.

- Why do you think it's easier for us to think of ourselves as sinners, broken, and dysfunctional rather than first thinking of ourselves as having passed from death to life and instruments of righteousness?
- What areas of your life do you need to continue to remain dead to because God has killed those things in you because of Jesus' sacrifice?

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Romans 6:15-23

- What do you think the differences are between behavior modification and obedience from the heart? Which one do you think God desires and why?

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- It is important to note in this section of text that Paul is not primarily talking about avoiding and running away from sin. These are both important to be sure but “stopping the bad stuff” isn’t really the point because we can do this and still miss being attached to God. Notice that in verses 16-17, Paul is discussing who we offer and present ourselves to. The more I present myself to God, the greater hunger and thirst I have to live in His freedom rather than my own.
 - In what ways do you need to seek to walk more fully in the freedom that God provides rather than the illusion of freedom that you have when you’re doing your own thing?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don’t forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Romans chapter 7)

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