



ROMANS CHAPTER 7 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Outside of air, food, and God, what is one thing that you don't think you could live without and why?
- **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 7:1-6)

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

Romans 7:1-6

- Why does Paul bring up a married woman being bound to her husband as long as he is living when describing a Christian's relationship to Jesus and to the Law?
 - Paul's whole point is to describe an individual with Jesus and an individual without Jesus. An individual without Jesus is not free to be "married" (live for God) because they are a slave to sin but an individual with Jesus can

live in freedom and for God because they are no longer “married” (living for sin).

- What is encouraging and freeing about knowing that walking with Jesus is not about having to conform to rules and regulations to be loved and accepted by God?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- How does being loved by God and being forgiven by Him call us to the highest standard of living regarding pleasing and living for Him?
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Romans 7:7-13

- For those that would argue that the Law from God was a bad or flawed thing because no one could obey it fully, Paul is arguing against this. He wants his readers to understand that the Law from God did its job perfectly because it came from a holy and perfect God. The Law was intended to point out sin and point out the costliness and ugliness of sin. The Law was never intended to forgive a person’s sins. That forgiveness came by and through God alone.
 - While God does not call us to live according to the old Law any longer, in what ways do you approach Christianity in a legalistic sense? Why?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - What do you think it means to live in freedom because of Jesus while walking to please Jesus?
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Romans 7:14-25

- How do you at times rationalize, justify, or make excuses for your own sin?
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His forgiveness is hopeless. That person cannot forgive themselves, cannot be good enough in their own behavior to be declared right in God's eyes, and they cannot live a life devoted to and committed to God. Number two, a person's state with and inside of Jesus isn't going to end the battle with the flesh in the following sense. A person still will have decisions to make about whether they are going to live for themselves or live for God, but the BIG DIFFERENCES are the following.

- The person has been forgiven of all their sins; past, present, and future.
- The person is being justified (declared right in God's sight) based upon what Jesus and His blood have done and are doing for them and not based upon their behavior and/or performance.
- The person has the Holy Spirit living within them to empower them to live and walk in freedom with Jesus Christ.
 - Of the three statements above, which one do you have the most trouble believing as a Christian? Which one do you have the most trouble living as a Christian?
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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

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