



Discussion Guide

July 6

Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Read verses 15–18

1. How is Paul's question in verse 15 similar to the one he asked in verse 1 of this chapter?
2. What does Paul teach us about obedience and slavery in these verses?
3. What does it mean to be a 'slave to righteousness'? How is that freeing instead of limiting?

Read verses 19–21

4. Why do you think Paul uses the metaphor of slavery to talk about obedience?
5. What is the contrast between offering ourselves to impurity versus offering ourselves to righteousness?
6. How do verses 20–21 challenge how we view sin from our past or present?

Read verses 22–23

7. What does it mean to be 'set free from sin' and become a 'slave to God'?
8. How does this passage define the benefits of following God?
9. Verse 23 is often quoted—how do you understand the contrast between the wages of sin and the gift of God?