

May 21, 2017

Buried/Alive
Small Group Discussion Guide
Sermon: Buried With Jesus
Bottom Line: Be buried to be free.

Connect

Share our small group ministry's three core values (Care, Share, Serve).

1. Why are people afraid to die? Give some reasons. Have you ever had a near death experience? (Car accident, illness, etc.) What was that like and did it change you?

Core

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. – Romans 6:6-7 (NIV)

Read Romans 5:12-20; 6:1-23

- 2. How did sin enter the world? What have been the repercussions of sin in the world and in your life? How has God counteracted sin and death in the world and in your life?
- 3. How would you define "cheap grace?" What does Paul have to say about "cheap grace?" What did God have to do to give us the free gift of salvation and how does that lead us not to trample it, treating it with care?
- 4. How does Paul connect baptism to dying to sin? How is baptism connected to Christ's crucifixion and the grave? Why do we have to die to sin to be set free from sin? Why do we have to die first to be changed?
- 5. When you are baptized into Christ you are baptized into his death, burial, and resurrection. You are no longer a slave to sin but a slave to God. What does it look like to be a slave to God? What does it mean to have life in Christ and a bodily resurrection?

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6. What about your old self still needs to be put to death? How can you trust Christ and choose to live in freedom from sin this week?

End in Prayer.
Sermon Notes: