



Fighting Sin: Romans 7:7-25

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Romans 7:7-25

1. What big ideas does Paul work to communicate in these verses about: sin, the function of OT law, and new life in Christ.

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life

2. In this sermon, Scott amplifies three responses to sin:
 - Deny/Ignore (v.7-13)
 - Defeat/Giving Up (v14-23)
 - Dependence on Jesus (v24-25)

Share your thoughts about and experiences with these three responses to the battle against sin.

3. God’s law makes people realize that they are sinners doomed to die. The law is like a sign, pointing out the threats and dangers. But the law, like a sign, is powerless to help us. Christ is the true resource that empowers us to battle sin. How does Christ empowered His people to have victory over sin?
4. The “law at work in the members of my body” is the sin deep within us. This is our vulnerability to sin; it refers to everything within us that is more loyal to our old way of selfish living than to God.
 - What are some common sin “loyalties” that Christians struggle to overcome?
 - What advice would you give and what testimony of encouragement or challenge could you offer to someone struggling to break a sin pattern?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)