

The Turnaround

A Series on Romans 1-8

Hillside Church of Marin - Small Group Discussion Guide

Part 3: Headed in the right direction, 02/25/24, Romans 5-6

Main Point: We can experience change in our life, turnaround, through our new identity free from the power of sin, united with Christ, and walking in new life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Getting Started

Romans 6 is a hefty chapter filled with many illustrations and concepts of what it looks like for a believer to begin their journey, walking in new life with Christ. The first eleven verses can seem overwhelming, but when seen through this light we can see the practicality of what Paul is talking about.

Discuss the Text

*Highly recommended that everyone read **Romans 5 & 6:1-11** before coming to group.*

1. When was the last time that you made a significant change in your life? What was hard about accepting the change? What was good about accepting the change?
2. When you read through the first eleven verses of Romans 6, what stands out to you?
3. Joey spoke about the illustration of baptism as a testimony of our new reality. That our identity is not found in Christ; his death, burial, and resurrection. How have you experienced this identity in your own life? How does it look like for your identity to be found in Christ's death and resurrection?
4. We found that the word 'unity' is similarly used in greek for the word 'planted'. That our life is planted in Christ. What do you think this looks like?

Reflect and Apply

1. One of the big takeaways is that our new reality is freedom from the power of sin (landlord illustration). Have you found victories over sin in your life? What did that look like?
2. In our new life, we should be longing to live differently in Christ. Reads Colossians 3:12-14.
3. While nothing on this list should be a surprise, we all still struggle with one or more. Why is it hard letting go of old parts of our life in order to clothe ourselves in what Paul lists in Colossians?
4. What encouragement do you need from your group in order to walk in your new life?

Prayer Time: As you come to the close of this time,

- Encourage your group to take a few minutes privately and ask God for forgiveness for the times when we have walked toward denial, comparison or moral effort rather than leaning into the grace of Jesus?
- Ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to assist us to look honestly at our own sinfulness, then repent of the sin in our hearts and life.
- Pray for freedom from belief in moral effort and for a deeper understanding of God's Grace in our lives.

In preparation for next Sunday go ahead and read Romans 6:11- Romans 7