



# Message Notes

## Week 4: Creating Margin in our Morals Romans 6:12-14 (NIV)

Big Idea for this week:

Create margin by living for Who matters \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Margin definition: Margin is the amount of space between what you \_\_\_\_\_ and what you \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Creating moral margin \_\_\_\_\_ us from \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Creating moral margin \_\_\_\_\_ us with \_\_\_\_\_.

How do we create moral margin?

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. Think back to God's message this week. What sticks out to you?
2. Why do you think sexual sin is such an easy trap for most people to fall into? In what ways does the world's view of morality conflict with God's view? Here are some other verses to engage with: James 1:13-15, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, and Ephesians 5:1-6.
3. What are some of the defenses and safeguards you have in place that help put distance between you and sin? In what areas of your life are you lacking moral margin? How can you go about creating that margin? God has called us to a higher standard when it comes to morality. Describe how you have been able to thrive in those time and how difficult it can be striving to live up to that standard. How can other people such as your LifeGroup, friends, family, or spouse help you in living a life with moral margin?

**Next steps.** Here are some specific things you can do this week to take a step toward living life with the margin God intends for you.

- Confess and ask for His help and deliverance in any areas of immorality that you are struggling with.
- Ask God to help you defend yourself against sin in your life.
- Ask God for strength in guarding yourself from impure thoughts.
- Pray for those you know who are dealing with sexual sin.
- Invite others into your struggle and be real with them.

**Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gifts and blessings you have given to us. Help us to create moral margin so that when we are tempted, we realize that You have already given us everything we need to say, "yes" to being instruments of Godliness. You matter most, Jesus. In Your Name, Amen.**