

ROMANS 6:23

THE GIFT OF GOD

THE WAGES OR THE FREE GIFT (Read Romans 5:12-14, Romans 6:23)

- Why does sin have a wage/payment? (Romans 5:12-14)
- What is the contrast between death being earned and salvation being given as a free gift and how does this truth keep from pride in salvation?
- If the gift is free to us but costly to Jesus, how should that impact the way we live? (1 Peter 1:18)

OF SIN OR OF GOD (Romans 6:23)

- What is sin, and what are the destructive consequences of it both now and for eternity? (James 1:14-15; Romans 1:18-32)
- Why was Jesus the only One who could conquer sin and death? (Hebrews 4:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Acts 4:12)
- What are some of the best gifts you've ever received? Why were they special? Why is God's gift of salvation infinitely greater than any other gift? (2 Corinthians 9:15 - Paul calls God's gift "indescribable.")

DEATH OR ETERNAL LIFE

(Read Romans 6:23; Matthew 25:31-46; John 10:10; John 17:3; Revelation 21:1-8)

- What is eternal death and what is eternal life, and how do these realities shape the way we view life now?
- Why are the words "in Christ Jesus our Lord" critical in this verse (e.g. John 14:6), and how does union with Christ guarantee life?
- Who in your life needs the hope of eternal life in Christ, and how does knowing "the wages of sin are death" give urgency to our mission?
- Make a list as a group, family, or individual and pray specifically for boldness to share Jesus and for God to open their hearts.