

THE GOSPEL IS FREEDOM

ROMANS 6:1-14 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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Since I have been set free from sin, I refuse to abuse God's grace (6:1-4), considering myself dead to sin (6:5-7) and alive in Christ (6:8-11) while aggressively resisting its dominance in my life (6:12-14)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you think you are free from sin or still bound to it?
- Do you have any difficulty in defining people as free in Christ or slaves to sin? Why does Paul not present a middle position?
- An underlying tension in this passage is the immediate appeal of sin, even though the consequences are terrible. Why do you think sin remains enticing to us, especially in the early years of salvation or if we stay spiritually immature?
- God has poured amazing grace into your life! In what ways have you noticed that sinful thoughts and actions are not affecting you to the extent they have before?

- Romans 6:1-2 encourages us to appreciate the grace we've received. Continuing to sin would be an abuse of God's grace. If you can, give an example of a recent change in your life that was made because you appreciated God's grace.
- Romans 6:11-12 calls on us to actively pursue a lifestyle that brings glory to God. Certain sins are prevalent in our culture. Christians can provide a living example of what would please God. How does your life illustrate death to sin and freedom from its reign in our bodies?
- How is God helping you apply Romans 6:13 personally? *(I.e., Is he speaking to you from his word, through a friend, in your spirit? Is he leading you in a practical way? Is he providing conviction or sources of motivation?)*
- Related to the question above, what is the best way for you to cooperate with God's help this week?

A further application for Christians:

If you are willing, identify your struggle with sin to a trusted friend this week and pray about it together, often, over the 7 – 40 days. Considering fasting, as you commit yourself to break a strong desire to sin. The goal is freedom so you can choose to do what pleases God; the expectation is grace when you confess that you haven't been able to follow him perfectly.)

For those who have not yet followed Jesus:

Please revisit the gospel and consider who Jesus claimed to be. Freedom from sin is a gift that comes through placing your faith in Jesus. Visit harvestbarrie.ca/5-gospel-words