



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Tough Questions”**

### **Complement to sermon on 09/02/2018 – “Does Grace Nullify the Law?”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. When you are feeling sad, what do you turn to feel better?
2. Would you rather be able to go anywhere without being noticed or go everywhere and be noticed? Why or why not?

#### **MEMORIZE – 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15**

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

#### **READ – Romans 6**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
  
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
  
3. Romans 6 starts with a question. This indicates Paul is building on previous points. Go back and begin reading at 5:18. (to really understand go back and begin reading at Romans 1:1)
  - a. What about 5:18-21 could lead a person to conclude that we should “continue in sin so that grace may abound?”
  - b. Paul’s response to this question is “by no means!” Rather, we are to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).
    - i. What does it take for someone to walk in newness of life? (hint: v3-4)
    - ii. What does newness of life look like? (hint: v 5-11)
  
4. Paul asks another similar question to 6:1 in 6:15, “are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?”
  - a. Compare and contrast being slaves to sin and slaves to righteousness (6:15-19)
  - b. In both settings, we are slaves. The difference, Paul says, is the fruit. Read 6:20-23 again. What is the fruit of being a slave to sin? A slave to righteousness? Which fruit would you rather bear? What needs to change so you bear more of that fruit?

Summarize Romans 6 in your own words:

### **Experiential: Coloring in Newness**

Search online and print out a coloring page of your choice. Be sure to make 2 copies. Get your utensils ready for coloring (crayons, colored pencil, marker, paint). For the first picture, put on a blindfold and then begin coloring. How did it turn out? Did you stay in the lines or go all over the place? Now, color the second picture but this time no blindfold, you will color with newness of life. How does that one look? Were you ever tempted to put the blindfold back on after you had taken it off? Probably not. That is the point Paul is making in Romans 6.

**Testimony Time** – What has been like for you changing from a slave of sin to a slave of righteousness?

**SING** (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)  
**In Christ Alone** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1QjKqyGh8s>

We can live as slaves to righteousness ... in Christ alone.

### **Would you be Free – Mennonite Hymnal #555**

A great hymn reminding we are no longer slaves to sin, but to righteousness...by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ!

### **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Gracious Father, by the power of the blood of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit, help me to live this week as a slave to righteousness. Thank you for leading me out of bondage to sin, now help me grow in holiness as you call me to be holy. Amen.