

Bible Study for June 22-28

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: Romans 6:12-23

Notes: Paul continues on from last week, warning us that we may be tempted to turn God's grace into an invitation to sin, thinking that "because God forgives me, why not just do what I want?" Such thinking misses the point that God calls us to live in his life, not turn back to our old ways of being enslaved to sin.

Questions to Ponder:

Have you ever had a boss who you considered a "slave driver"? What did they do to make you think that?

How would you define "slavery"? Can you come up with any benefits to being a slave?

Verses 16-23 are like a cost and benefit analysis. Can you make a list of the costs vs the benefits of serving one master vs the other?

Note the question in verse 15. How does it attempt to misuse Paul's teachings on grace?

How might you explain to someone else that slavery to Christ brings us freedom from sin?

Can you think of any modern images (in music, sports, art, etc) that illustrate Paul's point that submitting to a good master leads to freedom?