

Adult Group Study Guide for October 4, 2020

Series: *Foundation*; Message: *Transformation*

Goal: To surrender our lives to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Key Verses: *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
- Romans 6:11 (NIV2011)

1. The teaching in Romans 6 can be summarized with the phrase: “Dead to Sin; Alive in Christ.” Think about the radical change in our perspective that occurs at the moment of our death. How does thinking about the reality of death influence your view of life? In what ways is faith a journey from death to life?
2. Read Romans 6:1. Go back one chapter and read what Paul says leading up to this question in Romans 5:18-21. What might lead a person to think that it is OK to keep sinning? Why is the message of salvation by grace alone so easy to misunderstand? Why is it so easy to slip into legalism after we are saved and forget about grace?
3. In Romans 6:2-14 Paul uses the illustration of baptism to describe the transformation that we experience in Christ. In what ways is baptism like a funeral? Why is the resurrection so essential for the new life we are given here and now? Why is it so important for us to keep reminding ourselves that we are dead to sin but alive in Christ? (v. 11)
4. In Romans 6:15-18 Paul uses the illustration of slavery to describe the transformation that we experience in Christ. How does this illustration help us to focus on the choices we make? What part does obedience play in the life of a Christian? In what way is the confession of “Jesus Christ is Lord” central to our faith? (Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 3:17)
5. Read Romans 6:19-23. What is the benefit of becoming a slave to God? What are the wages of sin? Why is the gift of God (eternal life in Jesus) the best gift ever? What is your next step in the journey of transformation into the likeness of Christ?
6. Think about the celebration of World Communion that we share with Christians around the world today. How will the celebration of the Lord’s Supper empower you to be faithful to Christ in this week? Receive Communion as “nourishment for the journey.”