

LifeGroup Shepherd GuideMay 14th and May 17th, 2026: Romans 6:15-23

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

If you had to be someone's assistant for a whole day and had no choice in the matter, who would you pick as your boss? And what do you think they'd have you doing?

Digging In**Question 1: Read Romans 6:15-18. Are you a slave to sin?**

Romans 6:17-18 says we were once slaves to sin, but we "wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted," and were set free from sin to become slaves to righteousness. What does it look like in your daily life to *actively* live as someone whose allegiance has transferred? Not just avoiding sin, but positively pursuing righteousness?

Read Galatians 5:1 and Titus 2:11-14.

How do these verses help shape what that wholehearted obedience looks like?

Question 2: Read Romans 6:20-22 – Have you been set free from sin?

In Romans 6:20-22, Paul contrasts the two kinds of fruit produced by two different masters, shame and death on one side, holiness and eternal life on the other. Where have you personally seen the fruit of your old slavery to sin still trying to take root? And where have you seen real, tangible fruit growing from your new life as a slave to righteousness?

Read John 15:4-5 and Philippians 1:9-11 encourage or challenge you in this?

Read these verses and talk about the implications of being set free from sin!

Set free from sin's penalty – Romans 8:1, Colossians 2:13-14

Set free from sin's power – Romans 6:6-7, Galatians 5:16, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Set free from sin's presence – 1 John 3:2, Revelation 21:27, Romans 8:29-30

Question 3: Read Romans 6:23. – Are you a servant of Christ?

Romans 6:23 draws a sharp contrast sin pays wages (death), but God gives a gift (eternal life through Christ). This contrast matters because wages are *earned* and gifts are *received*. How does understanding your righteousness as something given to you, not earned, change the way you relate to God and to the process of sanctification? There are two kinds of servitude, and two different types of results!

How do Ephesians 2:8-10 and 2 Corinthians 5:21 deepen your understanding of what it means to live in that gift? How does God's grace lead you to be His servant?

Application

1. Have you received God's gift?
2. Are you taking advantage of God's grace?
3. Are you living for God's glory?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?