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**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Community Group Guide – April 19/20, 2025**

## EASTER WEEKEND

**Deeply rooted by reflecting on the gospel together.**

We've created a slightly different guide this week to prompt a conversation about the past weekend and the text used in our Easter services.

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- **What was Good Friday and Easter Sunday like for you this year?** (Any fresh reminders, meaningful moments, etc?)
  - **Share a takeaway from the weekend sermon.** Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"
  - **Facilitate a time of reflection and prayer on Romans 6:1-14.**
    - Start by reading the text.
    - Optional Icebreaker Question: *Have you ever experienced someone taking advantage of you because of your kindness? How did that make you feel?*
    - **Understand the context.**
      - Read verses 1 & 2, where Paul asks some questions. What do these questions tell us about the issue Paul is addressing in Romans 6:1-14?
        - **Note: Paul addresses the issue of “antinomianism.” Antinomianism is the belief that, because we have received salvation through faith by grace, God does not require us to obey the law. It takes a biblical truth—that we are saved by faith through grace, not our works—and turns it into an unbiblical conclusion: that living in sin doesn’t matter.**

○ **Connecting to the Gospel.**

- Paul has much to say about our identities in light of our being in Christ. Read the following sentences that describe what has become true of us through Christ:
  - We have been baptized into Jesus' death so that we might walk in newness of life. (v.4).
  - We will be united with Jesus in a resurrection like his (v.5).
  - The old self (our sinful nature) has been crucified with Jesus so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin (v.6).
  - We who have died are free from sin (v.7).
  - We believe we will live with Jesus (v.8).
  - We can consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus (v.11).
  - We are not under the dominion of sin, since we are not under the law but under grace (v.14).
- This has become true of those who believe in Jesus as their saviour and Lord and follow Him. Answer the following two questions:
  - In what ways do these truths not feel like our experienced reality?
  - What truth feels the most impactful for you to hear today?

○ **Living out the truth.**

- In verses 11-13, Paul lays out what we are to do in light of what is now true of us through Jesus. Read verses 11-13 and then answer the following questions.
  - There is an instructive saying that goes like this, "Be killing sin or sin will be killing you." Paul is essentially telling Christians that they need to actively oppose sin from taking root in their lives. What are some ways you can kill sin in your life?
    - **Suggestion: As an option, you could read Psalm 119:9-16, which offers some helpful guidance. It might also be edifying to provide some space for people to share verses or passages that have encouraged them in fighting sin.**
  - Life in Jesus is also much more than just NOT trying to sin. We are called to present ourselves to God to be used as instruments for righteousness (v.13). What are some ways we could present ourselves as instruments of righteousness?
    - **Suggestion: As an option, you could read Psalm 119:1-8, which gives instructions on pursuing a life of righteousness in God's eyes. Again, it might be edifying to create space for people to share verses that have encouraged their pursuit of righteousness.**

○ **Accountability + Prayer.**

- In light of what we have read, what is one step you could take to either...a) Actively seek to kill sin? Or, b) present yourself to be used for God's good purposes?
- Pray as a group about the takeaways from today's conversation.