

## TALK IT OVER

Read Romans 6 (Passage is on 2nd page along with supporting verses. This is from New International Version. NIV. Feel free to use or read from your own Bible/app). Once you've read the passage ask these questions:

- What new thing did you discover in the story that you did not know before?
- What did you learn about people? (What has mastery over you? Why do we keep falling back into unhealthy things when we know they're unhealthy? Do you think you have the strength to overcome your addictions alone? If no why not? If yes how has that worked out in the past? Why do people feel ashamed to admit addictions to God? To others? Brad said we can help others by: Help by praying for me, Help me when I fall, Help me by holding me accountable. How do these actually help us?)
- What did you learn about God? (Romans 6 talks about dying to sin and being set free in Christ. What does that mean? What does it mean to not offer any part of yourself to sin? How are we united with him in death and resurrection? How does God help us in our addictions? Do you believe that God can help in freeing us? Why/why not? What does it mean in Romans 6 that sin leads to death? How is salvation a gift? How does that lead to freedom?)
- What will you take away from this discussion? (What has God revealed to you? Are you battling addiction now? If not how can you be a part of healing for someone? Additional thoughts?)
- What will you do with what you have learned? (Brad said to take on addictions we need to Take it to God, Take it public and then Take it down. Where are you in this process? How do you need to take action? He also said We need to do what we can do to take it down. Then, trust God to do what you cannot do. What does that look like for you?)
- Is there anything else you wanted to share that we didn't hit in this discussion? (Remind them to sign up for the next What Next class AND encourage your small groups to serve at Family Fest together. This is an awesome opportunity to not only have fun but to love on our city! Last year we had 2000+ people come and party with us. Sign up link: <https://shift-church.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/74/responses/new>)
- Next week make sure to read Romans 8. Think through the questions we ask weekly as you read.

Make sure to check in with your SG this week. How can you pray for them? This is where the discipleship aspect comes in. Work towards identifying your 3 (that you can really pour into) and then your 1 (that person that will replicate what you're doing now). Take a few minutes each day and make a text or phone call to everyone in the group.

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Make sure to read ahead of time and either retell the story or have someone (multiple people) help you retelling the story. Make sure to use your update with points from Brad's sermon.

### Romans 6

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,<sup>[a]</sup> that we should no longer be slaves to sin—  
<sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive

to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in<sup>[b]</sup> Christ Jesus our Lord.