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Bible Study #4

Romans 6:1-11 **A Life of Freedom**

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God is revealing to each one of us how we are uniquely called to follow him in our daily lives. We share the gospel in transparent and practical ways that provide opportunities for new understanding and fresh application. Our hearts are the spiritual, physical, intellectual, and emotional core of who we are as God's children. With our hearts focused on Christ, we are mobilized to fulfill our latent potential in the Kingdom of God.

With hearts awakened we live transformed lives...

- A life of Freedom
- A life of Joy
- A life of Sacrifice
- A life of Renewal

This study, based on our mission of Awakening Hearts, is intended to help you be washed in the waters of your baptism with the support and encouragement of your fellow followers. It's our prayer that the pattern of Freedom-Joy-Sacrifice-Renewal, will become an intentional method for you and your group as Christ awakens you each day out of your sinfulness into the newness of life in Him.

Small Group Time Suggestions

- Gather - 15 mins
- Watch the Video - 20 mins
- Discuss - 45 mins
- Prayer - 10 mins

Open with prayer

How was your week?

- Freedom - What new thing did I learn about my freedom from sin?
- Joy - What did I find joy as I lived my new life in Christ?
- Sacrifice - What opportunities did the Lord give me to show Christ to others?
- Renewal - Where did I fail? What old habits is Christ removing? What new habits am I making?

Review of last week's topic - The Power of Life in Christ, [Romans 12:1-21](#)

Watch Sunday Sermon - October 2, 2022 [\(Available on St. Luke's Youtube Channel\)](#)

A Life of Freedom - Paul shares with the Romans that remembering our baptisms regularly is to remember that we have been buried with Christ in his death. And if we share in his death, we will also share in his resurrection! Our measures are the goals we strive for with the power of the Holy Spirit to become. As we live transformed lives of freedom, we remember our baptisms, remember we are set free from our sin, remember we are alive to God in Jesus Christ! Every time we see, hear, taste, touch, or smell water, remember we have been transformed to live a life of freedom!

Scripture

Read [Romans 6:1-11](#) - **A Life of Freedom**

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Discussion:

1. What stood out to you in the sermon and scripture reading?

2. “How can we who died to sin still live in it?” What does it mean to have freedom in Christ from sin?

3. What kind of sins seem to enslave us?

4. “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” What has died in you and what is new?

5. With hearts awakened and seeing the power of letting Christ direct our actions, we live transformed lives...
 - a. How does remembering your baptism daily give you freedom?

 - b. What brought joy to you in this lesson?

 - c. What do we sacrifice in our new baptismal freedom?

 - d. How are we assured of God’s forgiveness when we return to our sinful actions?

6. This passage gives us comfort in knowing that the penalty for any sins we have committed is gone (now and forever!). What specific difference will this freedom make in your life this week?

A LIFE OF FREEDOM

- I am baptized and remember the promises of my baptism daily.
- I abide in the Word and pray continually.
- I am set free from a life that is bound by the law, Christ has fulfilled the law for me.
- I find peace in Christ, even in stressful life circumstances.

Phillipians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.