

I. _____ to rationalize (15).

- A. We must not _____ sin in our lives.
- B. We must not adopt a _____ view of grace.

II. _____ the truth (16-18).

- A. All people are _____ (16).
 - 1. I may be a slave to ____.
 - 2. I may be a slave to _____.
 - Real freedom is not living without a _____.
 - Real freedom is living with the _____ master.
- B. All who are in Christ have experienced a _____ (17-18).
 - 1. I was _____ to sin.
 - 2. I have been _____ from sin.
 - 3. I am now a slave to _____.

Make It Personal: If Christ is my master...

- 1. I am not free to do my _____ thing.
- 2. I am free to do what is _____.
- 3. I am free to change, by the _____ of God to the _____ of God.

Community Group Discussion:

- 1. We are continuing our series, No Longer a Slave to Sin. After reading today's passage, Romans 6:15-18, discuss what stood out most to you and why. Discuss the implications of the statement by Tim Keller, "You do not do sin. Sin does you."
- 2. Last week in verse 11 we saw one of the most important phrases in the New Testament, the tiny two-word phrase "in Christ". What does it mean to be "in Christ"? Working as a group, use your smart phones to find and read ten other passages that use this phrase "in Christ". What is true of people who are in Christ?
- 3. The doctrine of our union with Christ is one of the most hope-giving doctrines in the Christian faith. What does it mean and what does it have to do with overcoming sin? Think of ways to illustrate this wonderful reality.
- 4. Think about this statement. All people are slaves. How do those words make you feel? What do we learn about being a slave in verses 15-18?
- 5. What does it mean practically speaking to see yourself as "a slave of righteousness" (see verse 18)? Verse 22 says we have become "slaves of God". Is there a difference? What will life look like this week if you live as a slave of righteousness/God?