



## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families

*For the week of March 19, 2023*

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### Warm Up

- **How do you need God to change you? Why do you answer that way?**
- **How has anxiety, fear, anger, pride or unbelief been an impediment to change in your life?**

### Romans 6:1-14

### United to Christ

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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.

- **Why does Paul ask, “Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?” (1)**
- **Paul wants us to see that the Gospel will not only protect us, it will also change us. The Gospel opens us up to a new vision of reality (2-10) and a new power for change (11-14).**
- **What does it mean that we “died to sin”? (2)**
- **Believers have been “united with Christ”. What things do Christians share with Jesus Christ in this union?**

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over

him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **What does Paul say is the purpose of our union with Christ in His death?**

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

- **What are the indicators that a person is no longer under the “reign” or “dominion” of sin?**
- **Why must we count ourselves “dead to sin” if we already are dead to sin?**
- **Pray together in light of this week’s passage.**

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