

## **Romans: Paul's Symphony**

### **Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ: Romans 6:1-14**

**January 3, 2021**

What is the closest you have come to losing your life? What happened?

What motivates you to live a good life?

Read 6:1-7. How does Paul use words here that make us think of the Exodus?

What do you imagine life was like for the Israelites in Egypt? How did they get there? How did they get out? How did they get to the Promised Land?

In what ways did God help and provide for them? How did they respond? What connections do you see between the Exodus story and your own life?

In what ways do people become "slaves to sin"? How is sin more than bad things we do, say or think? How does sin act like an evil power or force in people's lives, families, and societies? How can a person get out of that slavery?

What do you do when something keeps reminding you of your past mistakes?

Read Martin Luther's explanation of Baptism in the Small Catechism. How does that connect to what Paul is saying? What should that look like in our lives?

Read 6:8-14. What does it mean to be "dead to sin and alive to God"? If we are dead to sin, how is it that Christians still sin? What does 1 John 1:8-2:2 have to say about this? What adjustments might you have to make to live out v. 11-13?

How does the knowledge of your death to sin affect your struggle with sin, or how can it? How can it affect your prayer life?

Next week: **Bound to Righteousness**—*read Romans 6:15-23*