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## GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

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Romans 6:15-23

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Week seven of Growth Groups has come upon us. Hopefully all is well with your group and studies.

Last week we studied Paul's encouraging words of what Christ did for us on the cross – conquering death and allowing eternal life to reign.

In this week's passage from Romans, Paul mirrors similar realities about sin and grace, but does it in the context of slavery.

### ICEBREAKER

What boss have you had who seemed most like a taskmaster? How so?

### DIG DOWN

#### **Read Romans 6:15-20**

One of Pastor Rick's main points this Sunday is that we're all slaves to something. What are the two things that Paul says we can become slave to?

What is the "cost and benefit" of each type of slavery?

Theologically and practically, how is slavery to Christ freedom from sin? (Is there a difference between being enslaved to something and enslaved by something?)

#### **Read Romans 6:20-22**

In order for a plant to bear fruit it must be, watered, tended to, given sun, etc. What are some things people do that help allow their sinfulness or righteousness to grow and bear fruit?

### DIG DOWN DEEP

#### **Read Romans 6:23**

You've heard it said there is no such thing as a free lunch. But Pastor Rick noted most versions of this verse read "the *free* gift of God's eternal life". How is this gift free, and why is it important that we know it is free?

### MAKING IT PERSONAL (Optional for in meeting discussion)

If someone told you *it is ok to sin because, after all, God has to forgive you*, how would you respond?

### **PRAISE & PRAYER REQUEST** (3-5 minutes sharing)

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PLEASE TRY TO ALLOW TIME FOR PRAYER

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