



At the Movies Part 1 - Star Wars

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER (Optional):

- Which was your favorite Star Wars movie?

BREAKING THE ICE:

- Imagine if after fighting and winning the Revolutionary War, a war for independence, Americans would have continued to obey the King of England? What would have been some of the consequences of that decision? How would they have looked to others?
- Think about (or name) a bad habit you have tried to break in the past. Why was it hard for you to break that habit? What is the lure of unhealthy habits?

GO TO THE SOURCE: Romans 6: 12-14 (ESV)

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

SIN WILL TRY TO RULE YOU THROUGH DECEPTION

Read Romans 6:1-23 and answer the following questions:

- Why would anyone think that we ought to sin to make grace multiply?
- What does it mean that we were baptized into Christ's death? How does baptism picture our union with Jesus?
- What does Paul mean that our old selves were "crucified with Christ"? How does being crucified with Christ free us from sin's claims?
- What does it mean to "walk in a new way of life"?

GOD WILL LEAD YOU THROUGH TRUTH

- How do we prevent a relapse into a life of sin in our mortal bodies?
- What do you think it means to present part of yourself as a weapon for righteousness and unrighteousness?
- What is the difference between being under law and under grace? How does being under grace set us free from the rule of sin?
- What does it mean to be a slave of sin?
- Why is it impossible to break free from sin before we are born again by God's grace?

- Do we have the power in our own selves to overcome sin? Where does the power to live a liberated life come from?

MAKE IT COUNT

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

- How can we remind ourselves that we have a new life in Christ and that we are dead to our old way of living?
- As a church, how can we be used for “God as weapons for righteousness”? What would that look like?
- Does the pattern of your own life produce the fruit of righteousness? How can others help us see the type of fruit we are producing better than we can sometimes see it ourselves?

PRAYER

- In a time of group prayer, ask the Father to remind us of the great mercy we were shown when Christ took on the penalty of our sin. Pray that we will be filled with the love and power that comes through knowing that Christ is risen, and that because He is risen, He guarantees eternal life for all who love Him. Ask the Father to help us bear the fruit of obedience by being filled with the love of Jesus.