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## The Gift of Hope: The Penalty of Sin Paid

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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### **Observation: What does this scripture passage say?**

***Read Romans 6:15-23***

1. What are the two different slave masters that the passage is talking about?
  2. What are the two different fruits that are produced by obeying each master?
  3. What are the two wages given by the two masters, and how do all three of the answers to these questions give us a framework for understanding this passage?
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### **Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?**

***How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

4. In today's message we unpacked the second gift that our Hope in Christ brings: He breaks the present power of sin. How does asking the question “Who's in charge of me?” relate to our understanding of the Romans 6 passage we just read?
  5. When we came to Jesus we had a basic understanding that our sin needed to be paid and Jesus paid that debt. As you've walked with Christ over time, how has he shown you unknown and new areas of sin in your life that he is refining?
  6. We are highly motivated by enjoyment and pleasure. This is why sin is such a challenge to overcome. It does bring fleeting pleasure. How does Hope (Promise with Certainty) in greater joys motivate us beyond the present fleeting pleasures of sin?
  7. What is one area of struggle that you'd like others in your group to encourage you in and pray for you in as you commit to obedience to Christ?
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### **Surrender: Responding to God's voice.**

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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**We're here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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