# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Romans 6:15–23 Series: *Romans* 

**Sermon Title:** Who are you Serving?



### WARM UP (10–15 minutes)

Purpose: build connection and prepare hearts for the Word.

- 1. When you hear the word "freedom," what comes to mind?
- 2. What's something in your life that once seemed freeing but eventually became a burden or habit you had to break?
- 3. How would you describe what it means to "serve" something or someone in today's culture?



## **KNOW IT (15–20 minutes)**

Purpose: dig into the meaning of the passage.

#### Read Romans 6:15–23 together.

- 1. In verse 15, Paul asks, "Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?"
  - o Why does he ask this question again (see also v.1)?
  - What's the difference between being *under law* and being *under grace*?
- 2. According to verse 16, what determines who your "master" is?
  - o How does obedience reveal what or who we serve?
- 3. What does Paul mean in verse 18 when he says, "You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness"?
  - Why do you think Paul uses the image of "slavery" to describe both sin and righteousness?
- 4. Compare the results (or "fruit") of each kind of slavery in verses 20–22.
  - What does sin lead to?
  - o What does obedience to God lead to?

- 5. Romans 6:23 is one of the most well-known verses in Scripture.
  - o What contrasts do you see in this verse?
  - o How do these contrasts summarize the whole chapter?



### **SHARE IT (15–20 minutes)**

Purpose: make it personal and relational.

- 1. In what areas of life is it easiest to forget that you've been "set free from sin"?
- 2. What are some modern "masters" that try to control people today?
  - Which of these has been most tempting for you to obey?
- 3. How has following Christ brought you greater freedom, even when it meant surrender or sacrifice?
- 4. Can you think of a time when obeying God led to unexpected joy or peace? Share that experience.



## LIVE IT (10–15 minutes)

Purpose: apply the truth practically.

- 1. This week, what's one area where you can intentionally "change masters"—choosing obedience to God instead of sin or self?
- 2. What spiritual habit or discipline could help you stay free?
- 3. How can our group pray for each other to live as people "set free to serve righteousness"?

#### **■** Memory Verse:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."—
Romans 6:23



#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank God for His grace that doesn't just forgive sin but frees us from its power. Pray for one another to live with wholehearted obedience to Christ this week.