



OPENING QUESTIONS

What things would you point to as evidence that there is sin in this world?

How conscious are you of the presence of sin in your life?

READ TOGETHER

Romans 6:12-23.

BIG IDEA

We overcome sin when we fight temptation and surrender to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What would it look like to be truly dead to sin? Is this a possibility for us?
- 2) From verses 12 and 13a, what are we told NOT to do? So, is not sinning really just a matter of choice?
- 3) This weekend's message gave us a challenge to fight temptation in 5 ways:
 - a. **Acknowledge the Battle.** Ephesians 6:12: Invite the group to talk about the reality of temptation and the spiritual battle we are in. Have you ever asked God to help you see the battle around you?
 - b. **Use Scripture.** Ephesians 6:17: What is your practice of memorizing and using scripture to resist temptation? Psalm 119:11, How could hiding God's word in your heart help in the battle with temptation and sin? Consider the temptation of Christ and how he used scripture. (Matthew 4, Mark 1, Luke 4).
 - c. **Put on the armour of God.** Ephesians 6:11: What would the consequences be of a soldier going into battle without armour? What would be a practical way of putting on the armour each day? What could keep us from doing this?
 - d. **Stand Together.** James 5:16: Satan would love to see us live in isolation because a grace filled relationship with someone is an incredibly powerful thing. Do you have someone you can call and say, "Pray for me, I am being tempted in this way"? What would keep us from developing these types of relationships? Who ya gonna call?
 - e. **Remember the Cross.** Romans 6:6: When Satan and temptation come calling, tell him, "The person you are looking for is dead!" What are some of the tactics the enemy could use to convince you that you are alive to sin? How might we remind ourselves that we are dead to sin?
- 4) This weekend's message gave us a challenge to intentionally surrender to God. How might we surrender to God each day? Included in the message was an example of a prayer based on Romans 6:12-14. Would this type of thing work for you? Is there another way you could express your surrender to God?

God, this morning I give myself completely to you. I declare that I am dead to sin and that in Jesus I have been given a new life. Give me the strength I need to use my whole body as an instrument to do what is right. I dedicate all my words and actions to bring Glory to God and benefit to others. Thank you that sin is no longer my master and that I am free in Christ to do what is right... for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

CHALLENGE

Pick one or two of the points from fighting temptation and implement them this week. Each morning intentionally surrender to God.

PRAYER

Pray for each other, pray for the strength to fight and the faith to surrender.

NEXT STEPS

Do you, or your group, want to be equipped to deal with sin and brokenness? RockPointe's **Set Free Retreat** is coming up on **April 21/22**. This is a great step for anyone (or any group) to take this battle more seriously, and to step into the freedom that Jesus purchased for us on the cross. Take a look on the Events page at www.rockpointe.ca for more info and to register.