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## SIXTEEN

### Community Group Discussion Guide

April 6, 2014

Romans  
Week 7 - Perfect Freedom  
Romans 6

Before answering the following questions, read the sixth chapter of Romans.

#### Introduction

The book of Romans is brilliant apologetic for the Christian faith. Know this book well and it will equip you to share your faith in Christ. The title for this series is taken from Paul's personal declaration of confidence in the gospel.

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.*

Romans 1:16

#### Questions for Study

1. How might any one of us as followers of Christ miss the full potential of God's grace in our lives?
2. How should God's grace inspire and strengthen us to wholehearted devotion to Jesus Christ?
3. Is it true that the more rules we have, the better our behavior will be? Why or why not?
4. From the questions Paul asks in verses 1 and 15, what objection do you think he's anticipating as a result of what he's written about the grace of God in the first five chapters?
5. The emphatic "we" in 6:2 is referring back to Romans 5:1-21. Who are the "we" and what does it mean to "die to sin"? How does the parallel statement in 6:10 help us understand what it means to "die to sin"?
6. Paul used baptism to illustrate the point he's trying to make. (verses 3 and 4) Why do you think he used baptism as an illustration? How does water baptism illustrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ? What is the point Paul is trying to illustrate?
7. What does Paul mean in verse 6 that our "old self was crucified" with Christ? Notice the past tense language. This is not something we need to do. It's something that's already done for those who are "united with Christ."
8. What do you think is meant by the promise given to us in verses 8-10?
9. Romans 6:11-13 records the first command in the book of Romans. Write it out in your own words.
10. Paul draws a contrast between "slavery to in" and "slavery to God" in verses 15-23. Part of that contrast includes the "benefits" of each. What are they?
11. Would you say that your life reflects the life of someone who understands and values God's grace? If yes, how?