

## WEEK 6 – PURSUIT OF SALVATION

### Day 2 – Salvation from Slavery



*Read what?* Romans 6:12–23



*What?*

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.



*So what?*

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.



*Now what?*

This is where you talk about what you are going to do differently because of this passage.

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#### Romans 6:1–11

During the time of the Jesus, the Pharisees and Sadducees were the religious authority. They prided themselves on the Scripture that they knew and the laws they could recite. As young children, they began training to fill these roles, and soon after training, they would be able to recite, word for word, the entire “Pentateuch,” the first five books of the Bible. Imagine that! Five whole books! Some of us have trouble with just five verses! And these guys, as children who weren’t even in their teens yet, could tell us exactly what the Law was. The Law was ingrained in their heads so much that it became much more about what they knew than who they were. The Pharisees lost sight of what was most important, and in doing so, they began to care more for the Law and acting right than whether or not their relationship with God was in the right place.

It is easy for us to fall into this trap, as well. Because, think about it ... just about every relationship that we have is some sort of a quid pro quo. A “this for that” type arrangement. Isn’t it wonderful that we do not serve a God who requires this of us? The Law was only good to point out sin in our lives. It was a warning sign, telling us that something is wrong, that our hearts are fractured, and that we need a Savior. We get that—we feel the weight and struggle of our sin every single day. But Jesus came to set us free from the slavery of following the Law. We no longer need to try to please God with the things that we do because Jesus has given us His perfection. And for those of us who are followers of Christ, Jesus has freed us. God the Father is pleased with us. What will you do in response?

#### Study Questions:

1. What do verses 1–4 say about the idea of, “If Jesus forgives us, I should just live the way I want to live”?
2. According to verses 5–11, how were we set free from sin?

#### Application Questions:

1. Knowing that God is pleased with you, what weight have you been holding onto that you need to let go of?
2. If you had a friend who felt like they needed to do good to go to Heaven, how would you respond to them?