



Community Group Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Free in Christ

Passage: Romans 6:1-14 NIV

Introduction

- A. How do you feel when you witness Christians whose lives don't match their professions of belief?
- B. Do you think that people can change their behaviour? If not, why not? If so, how?
- C. How would you counsel a Christian who admitted that they often struggle to have victory over the sin in their life? Is this a normal experience? How much victory should they expect to have? Will Christians ever be free from sin in this life?

Sermon

1. The Question (Romans 6:1)
 - a. Why does Paul ask this question?
 - b. Do you think that the person who asks this question understands the scandal of the Gospel well? Why or why not?
 - c. How do you respond to W.H. Auden's famous line, "I like to sin. God likes to forgive. Really the world is admirably arranged."? Is this true? How is it a misunderstanding of God's grace?
2. The Answer
 - a. What does baptism signify? Do you think this is something that only people who have expressed faith in Jesus can do or do you believe it is something one can do to their children when they are little? Why or why not?
 - b. Why is it important for us to understand that we have died with Jesus? Why is it important for us to understand that we will rise again with Jesus?
3. The Implications
 - a. What strategies do you employ to resist temptation to sin? Which work and which don't?
 - b. How will considering ourselves dead to sin's ruling power over us help us to stop sinning? Does this really work in the moment of temptation?



- c. Suggest some practical ways that one could “offer every part of themselves as instruments of righteousness”. What kinds of things can we do to put this kind of command into practice?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NIV

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."