

TIED UP IN NOTES

WEEK 3 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- What is one good habit you have started in your life? Why?

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

- It usually takes about 30 days to build a habit, but it can often take a lot longer to break a habit. **Have you ever tried to change a bad habit through willpower alone? What happened?**

Read John 8:1-11 as a group

- **Is it easier for you to identify with the crowd or with the woman caught in adultery? In what ways are you challenged by Jesus' actions and words?**
- A.W. Tozer writes, "what comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."¹ **Why do you think it's so natural for people to assume that God is quick to judge and condemn them? To what extent has that assumption shaped your relationship with God?**
- Think about the words of Jesus in verse 10-11 (NLT), "*Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?...Neither do I. Go and sin no more.*" **Is it difficult for you to believe that God is for you, or that through Jesus you have the power to leave your sin behind you? Why or why not?**

Read Romans 6:1-14 as a group

- **What words or phrases resonate with you from this passage? Why?**
- In verse 14 (NLT) Paul says, "Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace." **In your own words, how would you describe what it means to be free from sin and living in freedom of grace?**

¹ A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (Harper Collins, 1961), 1.

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- Sin has a way of trapping us in regret. If Satan can't get us to sin in the present, he will try to keep us dwelling on past mistakes. Paul says it best in v. 12 (NLT), "Do not let sin control the way you live...". **How can you regularly remind yourself of your union with Christ (v.5-8), that you are dead to sin and alive to God? In what situations do you find yourself needing these reminders the most?**
- For this question, it may even be helpful to break into smaller groups or men/women if it's a couples group. Think about this question for a moment. **Is there an area of your life where you are struggling with sin being your master (you don't have to share specifics with the group if you don't want to)? What stands in the way of you deciding to leave that sin behind? How can our group help you make and follow-through on that decision?**

CALLING

- Jesus, who would eventually allow our sin to kill him, says to us: stop sinning. In John 8, Jesus teaches us that God is for and forgives us. In Romans 6, Paul reminds us that through Jesus sin is no longer our master. Which leaves us with the question, do we choose the death of sin or life through the death/resurrection of Jesus. Which death do you want to cling to? This week ponder this question with prayer, confession, and repentance...
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside's App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** "*Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.*" - **Romans 6:14 (NLT)**
- **Further Study:** What encouragement to live out Jesus' words, "Go and sin no more," do you find in these verses? Psalm 119:1-2, Romans 3:22-26, Romans 7:15-8:2, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Galatians 6:7-8, Philippians 1:6, & Hebrews 12:1-3.