

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

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Free from my past...

Free to grow

Romans 6:15-23



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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GETTING STARTED

Question #1

How would your generation describe what freedom means to them?

Question #2

In what way can feeling free and being free differ?

THE WORD

Read Romans 6: 15-23

Question #3

In verse 15 Paul asks a similar question to verse 1. What does it mean to be no longer under the law? (verse 14) Does that mean we are under no obligation to it at all? Why then are we not free to live any way we choose?

Question #4

What was necessary to become free from sin? (verses 17-18)

Question #5

Paul says that we are all slaves to something. A slave to sin or a slave to God. In verses 20-22 Paul points out that each slavery is also a kind of freedom. What freedom does each slavery offer?

In what way is slavery to God characterised by true freedom?

Read Galatians 5: 1 & Philippians 3: 12-14

Question #6

How can Paul's words help us to let go of our past and move forward in our faith?

Question #7

How would you use the passage in Romans to answer someone who says: *I don't like Christianity because it restricts my freedom?*

Question #8

Ultimately sin brings condemnation and separation from God for eternity. But a form of death can also be experienced now. Can you think of examples from your own past of how slavery to sin is a kind of "death"?

Prayer

Read **Galatians 5: 1** again and pray together for each other.