

READ OUTLOUD

Romans 6:13

That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 3

BIG QUESTION

The author of Romans, Paul, says we get to pick what we "offer" ourselves to. In what ways do you offer yourself to God?

READ

"Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. "

REFLECT

Sin doesn't have to be massively obvious or destructive to be sin.

What little errands are you most tempted to run in the opposite direction of God?

LET'S DEFINE

What is sin anyway?

We live in a culture that doesn't believe in sin. This is largely because belief in God as the ultimate authority is not that popular. However, the Bible talks about sin a lot. So what is it?

One definition of sin is:

"The state of being out of conformity to the requirements of God's law."

So what is God's law?

If we struggle culturally to believe in the existence of sin, then we are equally allergic to the idea of God's moral laws.

Following God's law isn't rigid legalism, it is childlike obedience. It is not done out of duty, but out of love.



GOING DEEPER

Read Ezekiel 36:26, Jeremiah 31:33, and Hebrews 8:10 outloud.

What do you think it means that God has put his law in our hearts and minds?

CONSIDER THIS

According to the Bible, sin is something that goes against the way our hearts and minds are designed to operate well.

Q: What do you think about sin? Do you think it exists? If so, what has it looked like?

Q: What is your opinion of rules in general? Do you think having a standard of living is helpful or hurtful?

**...we should no longer
be slaves to sin—
because anyone who
has died has been set
free from sin.
Rom. 6:6-7**



GOING DEEPER Week 1

CHALLENGE + PRAYER

As Christians, we have an enemy and he has a strategy. If he can get us to deny that sin is real or just a part of our personality, we will go on living lives that are less than God promised us in Jesus.

This week, make intentional time to look at your own life and identify areas you've grown comfortable with your sin.

- **Where do you feel remorse?** Sin can actually be an excellent teacher if we confess it to God and acknowledge its there. (1 John 1:9)
- **Where do you feel most angry?** What makes us mad can either tell us where other's sin is affecting us or how we are affecting others with ours. (Eph. 4:26)
- **What do you feel the most peace about?** Peace is an indicator that a battle has been won. If you have peace in your life over a situation or a problem, that is a sign that God is at work in you! (Phil. 4:7)