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Week 3



Now You Knox

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- Has a person in your life ignored good advice and suffered for it? How did you respond to that person's choices?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Romans 6:1-4, 6-7, 10-11, 14; 7:15-16, 24-25 - We all want to do what's right all the time, but we sometimes end up doing what we don't want to do. It seems unavoidable. If we can't even live by our own standards, how are we supposed to live by God's? In this message we explored what the Apostle Paul wrote about God's grace and Jesus' power over sin in our lives.

- Talk about a time when you did something – big or small – that you knew was a bad idea. Why did you do it even though you knew it wasn't wise? What consequences did you suffer?
- Have you ever been angry at yourself? Explain.
- Why is it difficult to live out the truth that Jesus has freed us from the power of sin?
- When you sin, do you tend to avoid God by not praying or opening the Bible? Why?

- What is one lie about your life that you need to begin to tell yourself the truth about? What can this group do to support you?
- What day to day benefits have you experienced because of Jesus' death and resurrection?

Think it Over

When you became a Christian you were taken out of Adam and baptized into Christ. What was true of Adam was true of you: you were condemned, guilty, unrighteous, a slave of sin. In Christ, what is true of Christ is true of you: you're free from sin.

Choose an area of your life that Paul's struggle reminds you of. As you begin your wrestling match, whisper: Sin is not my master. I am dead to sin but alive to God.

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Continue to take your struggle to "do what you know you ought to do" to God. Listen for his direction for how he wants to work in you by the Holy Spirit and through others to bring freedom.
- Spend time giving thanks and praise to God for the benefits you've received through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit to show you other benefits that you have not recognized.
- As you pray ask God to help you to visually see your death to sin and your new life in Jesus Christ.