



Gospel Power: Do We Sin All the Time?

Small group discussion guide for the sermon on Sunday, July 6.

Scripture:

Romans 7:14-25

Sermon Series: Gospel Power

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Key Takeaways

1. The law is holy, but rules alone don't give us power to keep them.
2. In Christ, you can have victory over sin.
3. Reject the lies that keep you in bondage to sin.
4. Never underestimate the power of Jesus in your life.

Discussion

1. How do you personally relate to Paul's struggle described in Romans 7, and in what ways have you experienced the tension between knowing what is right and actually doing it?
2. How does understanding the context of Romans 7 as potentially describing a pre-Christ condition change your perspective on the Christian's struggle with sin?
3. What are some of the 'lies and excuses' you've encountered in your own life when dealing with temptation, and how can awareness of these help in overcoming sin?
4. How can you balance the reality of ongoing temptation with the promise of victory in Christ, avoiding both complacency and despair?
5. How can understanding the limitations of the law (as described by Paul) deepen your appreciation for the grace and power available through Christ?

Practical Applications

1. Commit to memorizing Romans 6 (or portions of it) over the next few weeks to combat temptation.
2. Write a short description of what "victory in Christ" looks like in your life.
3. Spend time each day this week specifically praying for God's power to overcome a particular struggle or challenge in your life.