

5. Paul apologizes for the fact that the "slavery" metaphor breaks down at some point. But he uses "human terms" so their "weak flesh" can understand (v. 19). Slavery to God is not hard like the slavery to sin or to an earthly master. Read Galatians 4:7. What better metaphor is used here to describe this relationship?

6. If a boss that you worked for previously showed up and said he still had work for you to do and you still owed him your allegiance, what would you say? How does this relate to this passage?

7. Read Matthew 6:24. How does this principle apply to people who think they can serve God and sin?

8. If we present our members to impurity and to lawlessness it will result in further lawlessness and ultimately death. Sin certainly has a snowball effect. Describe from your own life or from the life of someone you know how sin has had a snowball effect.

9. The opposite of the sin snowball effect is the sanctification snowball effect. If we present our members as slaves to righteousness it will result in further sanctification. Describe how you can get this snowball rolling.

10. In contrast to the death which sin pays out, God does not pay wages. He owes no man anything. He freely gives the gift of eternal life. How is the gift received for oneself?

11. What will you do this week to ensure that your "members" are instruments to glorify God?

Suggested memory verses

"What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!" (Romans 6:15).

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).