

Romans 7:1-6 Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. What significance is your union with Christ starting to have on you?
2. *What practical difference does the idea of being married to Christ need to make in your life today?
3. What bearing do the words “bear fruit for God” have on the meaning and purpose of your life?
4. Describe the comfort intended by the words “we serve in the new way of the Spirit?” Is this truth comforting to you? How can you envision it changing your outlook on your life and its struggles?

Group Discussion Guide:

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are *optional*. Group Leaders giving group members time to jot down answers to the questions above.

1. From these passages, Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 36:26-27, what are the differences between the new covenant and the former covenant? Try to stay with the texts and their contexts.
2. (NOTE: Do only if answered question 1) Let us describe together the scenes of the Bible’s basic story line. When you mention Christ’s sacrifice how does Luke 22:19-20 inform your description of what will come after Christ has been raised?
3. Romans chapters 5-8 is said to have an “already/not yet” tension. What does that mean? Can you see this idea in 6:1-7:6 (see esp 6:4-5, 8, 11, 14, 18-19, or 7:6? How could this truth change our attitude when we are weary of fighting temptations to sin?
4. Share with us your answer to one of the questions from the Personal Reflection questions above.

Prayer Guide:

- A. Let us pray for one another's need both physical, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual. And ask God to glorify himself and change us to be more like Jesus.
- B. Mother's Day can be a day of joy and/or sorrow for many women. Pray for God's grace to help us rejoice with those who rejoice and for God to draw near to the broken hearted today.
- C. Let us pray for our nation and world that God would be merciful in the choices that are being made by leaders around the world. Pray that their decisions would open door for the gospel and that God would embolden believers to advance the gospel into difficult places.