

Life Group Discussion Questions

Romans 8:12-17

OPENING DISCUSSION

Have you ever felt like something from your past is holding you back from a better future? Are you willing to share? How can this sermon help you move forward?

SERMON

What one thought from the sermon caused you to think differently about your past identity vs. your new identity?

How does Paul describe our new identity in Jesus? Have you given your life over to Jesus through repentance and faith to embrace a new life in Jesus Christ?

What does the idea of adoption mean to you? How does it feel that we can be adopted into God's family with no strings attached?

In verse 17, we are told that our suffering with Christ is closely connected with our glorification with Christ. How does this concept of suffering make you feel? How have you experienced this?

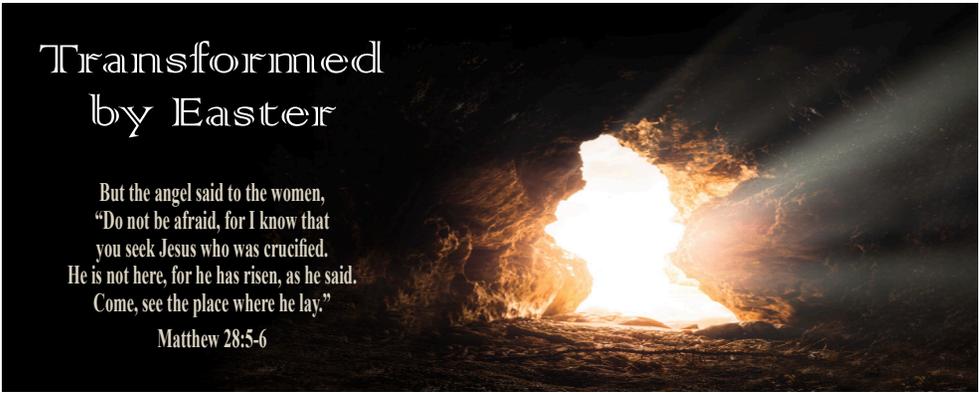
APPLICATION

What does it mean to live in our new identity as adopted children of God?

When it comes to your past, how often do you find yourself looking back instead of forward? How can you practically keep moving forward?

How will you live out this passage in the coming week?

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Transformed by Easter

But the angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that
you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:5-6

APRIL 4: Break Free from Sin

Romans 6:1-14 » What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

APRIL 11 (Lord's Supper): Break Free from the Past

Philippians 3:13-14 » Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

APRIL 18: Break Free from what Others Think

Matthew 10:26-33 » So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

APRIL 25: Break Free for Your Purpose

Romans 8:12-17 » So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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Week 37 of 2020-2021 Sermon Series: Transformed

- Transformed by Easter -

Break Free for Your Purpose (Romans 8:12-17)

TRANSFORMATIONAL PRINCIPLE:

As a child of God, don't allow yourself to fall _____ when the path is _____.

1. Put your _____ behind you. (12-13)
2. Walk in a new _____. (14-15)
3. Stay in tune with what the _____ of _____ says about you. (16-17)

RESPONSE:

Have you broken free from _____, your _____, and what other people _____ to truly embrace a new beginning as a child of God?

READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE CHRONOLOGICALLY IN A YEAR

Apr. 25: 1 Chronicles 3-5

Apr. 29: 1 Chronicles 7-10

Apr. 26: Psalm 73, 77-78

Apr. 30: Psalm 102-104

Apr. 27: 1 Chronicles 6

May 01: 2 Samuel 5:1-10

Apr. 28: Psalm 81, 88, 92-93

1 Chronicles 11-12



- Week 1:** Because we are prone to conform, we must let God transform. (Romans 12:1-2)
- Week 2:** Because of all Jesus has done, surrender what you think you know. (Mark 8:34-37)
- Week 3:** If we really want to know what to do, abandon the world's ways for God's ways. (Isaiah 55:6-11)
- Week 4:** Accept that the world's ways are at odds with the ways of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)
- Week 5:** If you want to be transformed, you must learn to deal with your sinful nature. (Romans 8:1-11)
- Week 6:** Look past what is seen and believe what is unseen. (Hebrews 11:1-6)
- Week 7:** Overcome the world with love and humility. (Romans 12:9-21)
- Week 8:** Recognize that the purpose of our transformation is not personal or private. (Mark 10:42-45)
- Week 9:** Individual transformation happens best in the midst of united community. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- Week 10:** Some may go and some may stay: but working together, God is transforming the world through the power of the gospel. (Philippians 4:10-20)
- Week 11:** Transformed people do the work of God like it's second nature. (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Week 12:** Transformed prayer leads to a transformed mind. (Philippians 4:4-9)
- Week 13:** A transformed heart will change the way you talk to others. (Ephesians 4:29)
- Week 14:** Transformed people unite in transformed community. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- Week 15:** Right attitude speaks louder than right action alone. (Philippians 2:14-18)
- Week 16:** Transformed people are on the go. (Romans 10:8-17)
- Week 17:** Recognize your need for a Savior. (Matthew 1:18-23)
- Week 18:** Learn to see the spiritual battle for your soul that is going on in and around you. (1 John 3:1-10)
- Week 19:** Don't miss the truth when it's right in front of you. (John 18:33-38)
- Week 20:** Abundant life must have boundaries. (John 10:1-10)
- Week 21:** The promise of everlasting life changes what we value in this present life. (Matthew 6:19-24)
- Week 22:** Demonstrate God's love in our relationships to experience a healthy, life-changing community. (John 15:12-17)
- Week 23:** Prayer intimately connects us to the one who has invited us to call Him Father. (Luke 11:1-13)
- Week 24:** The practice of withdrawing, waiting on God, and being still helps us to better recognize and cherish God's presence in everyday life. (Luke 5:16; John 7:6; Psalm 46:10)
- Week 25:** The best way to humbly serve is by following Christ's example. (Acts 2:44-45; Philippians 2:15; Mark 8:34)
- Week 26:** Your walk with others should reflect your walk with Jesus. (Ephesians 5:6-21)
- Week 27:** The church is modeled at home. (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- Week 28:** Parents are to nourish their children spiritually. (Ephesians 6:1-4)
- Week 29:** Work hard in all you do as though it were Jesus Himself ... because it is! (Ephesians 6:5-9)
- Week 30:** On God's team, communication is key. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Joshua 1:8)
- Week 31:** Know when to be quiet and trust. (Psalm 46)
- Week 32:** Learn to say no to what doesn't add value or bring glory to God in your life. (Acts 13:1-3; 1 Timothy 6:6)
- Week 33:** Be considerate of your part in someone else's story. (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Acts 20:35; 1 Peter 4:9)
- Week 34:** Because of Jesus we are freed from sin to have a new beginning. (Romans 6:1-14)
- Week 35:** Only because of the cross can we break free from the past. (Philippians 3:13-21)
- Week 36:** Because of the cross, you can break free from what others think to focus on what God thinks. (Matthew 10:26-33)