

**Suggested Discussion Questions for 4/3/2022 Message:
Be the Slave You Were Meant to Be (Romans 6:15-23)**

1. Have you ever been enslaved to something? How did it come about? How did you get free?

2. What are the elements of slavery that make it a good image for what Paul describes about sin and righteousness?

3. Review the contrast of slavery to sin and slavery to righteousness in the outline. What stands out most to you?

4. We generally think of slavery as a bad thing. How does Paul use slavery in a positive way? How is slavery to righteousness actually freedom?

5. Reflect on this statement from C.S. Lewis in *The Screwtape Letters*: “The safest road to hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.” What responses do you have? How has this been true in your experience?

6. Our lives are more often submarined by “boring sins” than dramatic and horrific ones. Why, according to this passage, are the boring ones, the slight crossing of lines, so dangerous? What other passages support your understanding? (You might start with Gal 5:16-26 and the relationship of the boring sins with the “biggies”.)

7. Review the four principles for overcoming addressed at the end of the message. How do you see these lived practically? What are the challenges they present?

8. What is a specific step you desire to take to increase your practice of slavery to righteousness (living under the mastery of Christ)?

9. What in this passage would you like to discuss further?