

Going deeper

Romans 6 emphasises that becoming a Christian is a radical step that involves 'dying' to our old life of sin. In this passage from Luke's gospel, Jesus teaches about the radical nature of the call to be a Christian.

Read Luke 14:25-34

5. Why does Jesus offer this teaching to the 'large crowds'?
6. How committed do we need to be to Jesus? (Note: that 'hate' here does not mean we shouldn't love our family - actually as Christians we should love them more: Luke 10:27; Eph. 5:25; 6:1-4 etc.. Rather it means we shouldn't love them more than Christ).
7. How does 'carry your cross' link to the idea of dying with Christ in Romans 6?
8. Why is it important to assess the cost before making a decision?
9. How does emphasising the cost show us how radical a step becoming a Christian is?
10. Why do we need to be fully committed to Jesus to be 'salty' for him? (cf. Matthew 5:13-16)

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 14th October 2018**

Growth Team News

This week we're back to Romans, the letter that seeks to explain and defend the message of Good News about Jesus.

This is the last Growth Team week before a half-term break. Growth Teams will start again on the week beginning 11th November.

**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



New Life

Romans 6:1-14 (page 1132)

Space to take notes on the talk

- The Problem with _____?

- The Radical _____

- The Ongoing _____

Starter question

- ❖ Apart from becoming a Christian what has been the biggest change in your life? What effect did it have on your habits?

Responding to the talk

1. A family member asks you what you learnt in church this week. What would you say?
2. Read Romans 6:1-2.
 - a. Why would someone say, "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" (cf. 5:20-21; 3:7-8)
 - b. How does Paul make it clear that as Christians we shouldn't go on sinning?
3. Read Romans 6:3-10
 - a. Who and what were we 'baptised into'?
 - b. Which phrases show that we are 'with Christ'?
 - c. How many times is 'death' mentioned? What is Paul trying to emphasise about our relationship to sin?
 - d. How are death and life linked in these verses?
 - e. What do these verses say about the life we now lead?
4. Read Romans 6:11-14
 - a. If we have died to sin and are alive to God, why do we need to 'count ourselves' as such?
 - b. How are we as Christians now to relate to 'sin'?
 - c. How are we to relate to God?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

11. What steps do we need to take to more clearly see ourselves as united with Christ, dead to sin and alive to God?
12. The word for 'part' in verse 13 is a vague term, which can even mean weapon! What powers, resources and strengths do we have to offer to God? How might we use them for God?