

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During 'Foundations' *The Church at Martinsburg* will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series, more than any we've done before, will set the pace and direction for the church.

Growth Questions for 10/24 – 10/31

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. Share the greatest rescue story you're aware of. Why are people so moved by the rescue of someone in need? How does Jesus rescue people and what does he rescue them from? (see 7:24)
3. What happens to a believer who tries to relate to God through Law?
4. What does Paul mean when he says he was "sold under sin"? (7:14) How do we understand this in light of Romans 6:6-7?
5. In Romans 7:21-23, Paul describes an internal struggle. How would you put this struggle in your own words? What causes this struggle?
6. What is Paul's answer to the war within him? (See Romans 7:25) Is this the struggle for every believer? When will this war end?

***Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go
Living on Mission***

1. Have you tried to obey God in your own strength? How does the gospel free us from "law-keeping" to live holy lives?
2. Do you agree with the statement, "The law does not cause our defeats; the Law defines our victories." Expound. What does cause our defeats?
3. How does the gospel empower us to stand between the pull of legalism and licentiousness? How can we practically apply the gospel in our daily war with sin?
4. How can your life, your struggle, your victory, and your understanding of grace enable you to connect with others for the sake of the Gospel?

COMMUNITY GROUPS – *Community Groups* are groups of people who come together on a weekly basis to promote significant Christian relationships that are centered around the study of God's Word (Hebrews 10:24-25 and Romans 8:29). Groups are currently underway. Groups are available Sunday through Friday. Sign up outside of the theater – more information at www.martinsburgchurch.org.

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...to proclaim the Gospel and reach those far from God.