

DISCUSSION GUIDE: Romans 6:11-14
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In Romans 6:11-14, Paul transitions from what Christ has done to what we should do in light of it. This is a familiar pattern in Paul's letters. He begins with the indicative truth of the gospel and follows it with the imperatives commands of how Christians should live as a result.

1. It's important to remember that the commands v. 11, v. 12, and v. 13 come after vv. 1-10 where Paul has been establishing the believer's union with Christ. We can never remind ourselves of this truth too often.

—Take some time to review what the doctrine of union with Christ from Romans 6:1-10.

2. Consider the concept of the reign of sin and how it seeks to make us obey (v13).

—What does this tell us about spiritual warfare and the Christian life?

3. Paul exhorts Christians to not present their members as instruments of unrighteousness, but rather to God as instruments for righteousness.

—Discuss what this might look like practically in the Christian life.

—What means of grace has God given his people to help fight this good fight of the faith?

—Are you tapping into these means? If not, encourage one another to do so!

4. Sanctification is not an individual sport! God gives us one another to encourage one another in living out this union with Christ.

—If your group is not in the habit of doing so, this may be a good week to split up the men and women during the prayer time so that they can pray for one another about potential sensitive struggles with sin.