Romans Lesson 11 (2018)

**SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Romans 6:15-23

Key Verse: 6:22

**Open**

1. If you had to forfeit your personal freedom to become a slave, whom would you want to be your master?

**Discover**

1. Read verses 15-16. What question is Paul’s answering in this passage? (15; see also 6:1 & 14) Who or what determines the things that dominate or control a person? (16a) What is the result of being a slave to sin? (16b)
2. Read verses 17-18. With what attitude do believers obey their new master, righteousness? (17) What change has happened to people who have put their trust in Christ? (18)
3. Read verses 19-22. What benefits and pleasures do people think they gain from sinful, selfish living? What are the benefits and pleasures of righteous living? (19b, 22) What does it mean that we have become slaves of God? (22. Also read Lk. 12:35-40, 16:13, 17:7-10, 19:11-26; Eph. 6:5-6)
4. Read verse 23. What are the wages of sin? What is the gift of God?

**Close**

1. What examples can you think of in which exercising the “freedom” to sin actually results in slavery? Or when “slavery” to Christ results in freedom?