

SESSION 8

SLAVE TO SIN

God&Me&Us

Focus Point

We were dead in sin but God made us alive in Jesus. We have moved from darkness into light.

The Key Truths

When we come to know Christ, through salvation, we move from darkness to light; from being dead in our sin, to being made alive to God.

Using the foundation of the Bible, this episode explores how we are born into darkness and into a state of hostility and rebellion against God. But, by the grace of God, we can be saved by faith in Christ Jesus. Just as we were once slaves to sin, we can become slaves to God. While sin is an evil and demanding master, God is a loving and kind Master. We yield more and more to our new Master, while living free from the power that our old nature had over us.

Scriptures to Consider

- **Romans 3:10-12 (ESV)** - *"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*
- **Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV)** - *"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."*
- **Romans 6:17-18 (ESV)** - *"But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness."*

Group Discussion Questions

Question 1: What do you think a good person looks like? How would you measure or decide whether a person is good or not?

Answer: Provide answer prompts. Generally we compare ourselves to others, so our definition of good and bad is dependent on who or what we have been exposed to. Introduce the idea that depending on upbringing and background, each person may have a different idea of what they consider good or not - based on the lens that they are viewing this through.

Question 2: Do you consider yourself to be a good person?

Answer: If anyone says 'Yes', then ask them how do they measure their own goodness? Is it against others or is it against God?

Question 3: Have you experienced God changing certain desires and wants that you used to have? Read Romans 3:9-18. What stands out to you about this passage of scripture?

Answer: Help the kids to notice the usage of universal and exclusive terms such as "all", "none" and "not even one", and ask them if they think anyone is excluded from this list?

Question 4: When God makes us born again, He gives us a new heart and new desires to love, serve and obey Him (Ezekiel 36:26). Ask the kids if they have truly experienced this? Or if they think they've maybe just signed up for Christianity as a religion to follow.

Answer: Pray with those who might be feeling a proper sense of conviction of sin and lead them to put their faith and trust in Jesus and His worthiness for them.

Word of the Day

Slave

Verse of the Day

"We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin." - Romans 6:6 (NLT)

