RIGHT WITH GOD
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[set up]

What is the idea that has impacted you the most so far in our series "Right with God"?

As a Lifehouse, have you blessed any of your neighbors this summer? How?

[digging deeper]

Have you ever had a time that, even though your life situation changed for the better, it was difficult for you to live in that new life?

In Romans 6:13, Scripture says that we are to use our "members" as instruments for righteousness. We learned that "instruments" could better be translated "weapons." How do you make war against sin? What do you do to attack the sin in your life?

Read Ephesians 6:13-18. Here we find the armor of God. How does knowing we are in a spiritual battle change the way we look at our armor?

In the second half of Romans 6, Paul uses the analogy of slavery. We can either be a slave to sin or a slave to righteousness. Slave of Satan or Slave of God. There is no neutral! Being a slave isn't something we initially find desirable. How is being a slave of God different?
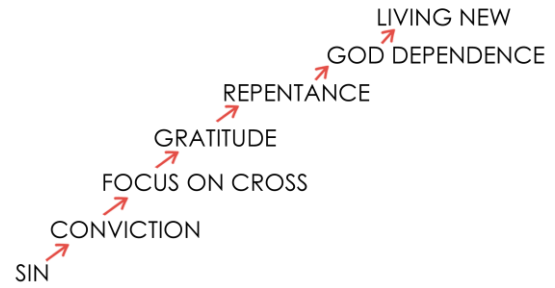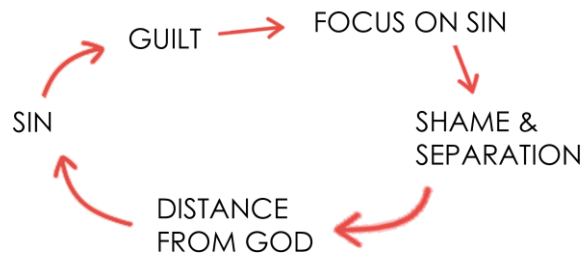
Read John 15:10-15. How does this passage help us to understand Romans 6?

Jesus always did what he should do, and he never did what he shouldn't do. But, he knew exactly what we go through when we are tempted. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. How does this change the way we pray?

Though Jesus never sinned, he knows what it's like to feel the separation from God that happens because of sin. Jesus took our sin on the cross, and he took the wrath of God and experienced the separation we should experience due to our sin. Jesus took that so that we don't have to be separated from God. Because of Christ, we can now go right to God without fear, even right after we sin.

[living it out]

Circle of Sin

GUILT → FOCUS ON SIN → SHAME & SEPARATION → DISTANCE FROM GOD → SIN → GUILT

SIN → CONVICTION → FOCUS ON CROSS → GRATITUDE → REPENTANCE → GOD DEPENDENCE → LIVING NEW

Spend some time discussing these two charts. Think specifically about sharing Christ with others. We know we should do it more often. Can we apply this to our failures to share Christ?