

## SMALL GROUP LESSON

### “YOU GOTTA SERVE SOMEBODY”

ROMANS 6:11-14

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Last week we learned that because of our union with Christ Jesus we have been delivered from the penalty and power of sin and that in the future even its presence will be removed from our lives. However, as we continue to live out our lives before our entry into heaven, this fact remains. Like wild animals in a zoo, sin has been caged by God’s grace, but we can still be tempted to climb over those cages, or even worse to open the doors to those cages, and put ourselves and others in grave peril. So what can we do to keep ourselves and others from once again becoming the victims of the sins that once enslaved us? That’s what Paul is talking about in Romans 6:11-14. In light of what he has to say let’s consider these questions:

1. Because we have been united with Christ upon our confession of faith, how should we consider or think of ourselves with regards to Christ and our old sinful way of life?
2. In verse 12, Paul uses the word “reign.” How does that word relate to our lives as Christians and what does Paul tell us not to do and why?
3. Instead of offering ourselves to sin, whom should we desire to serve? Read Romans 12:1 for addition information.
4. Why is sin no longer our master?
5. Based upon what Paul has said in these four verses of Scripture, what can we do to extricate ourselves from the power of sin in our lives?