

No Longer Living Under the Law: Romans 7:1-6
(Sermon Questions for Life Groups: Aug. 12th, 2018)

Ice Breaker: How well do you like change or advancement in technology? Do you find yourself looking for ways to improve the way that you do things?

Read Romans 7:1-6 together / Pray and ask God for the Spirit's wisdom.

Questions taken from Romans 7:1-6

1. Who would it appear that Paul is speaking to in verse 1?
2. Paul is speaking about the former days before Christ. In the former days how long did God's people live under the Mosaic Law? (v. 1)
3. Although Paul is not building a theology of marriage in this text, he makes an example from the marriage union concerning the binding power of the Law. What was it that released a spouse from the legal contract of marriage (v. 2)? Is this example about marriage that Paul gave still binding on Christians today according to 1 Cor. 7:39?
4. According to verse 3, why would a woman have been considered an adulteress under the Law?
5. In looking at verse 4, what was it that caused believers to be dead to the O.T. Law? Who now do believers belong to? So, are we as God's people under the O.T. Law?
6. When does the death of the believer to the Law take place~~consider Romans 6:3-7. What is the purpose of this death according to verse Romans 7:4?
7. What does God expect from us now that we belong to another (7:4)?
8. According to verse 5, what did our *preconversion* days look like?
9. How is a shift from the Law (that could not save but only condemn) to the Spirit made life different for believers today (v. 6)? What does it mean to live life by the Spirit of God today?~~Consider Galatians 5:16-18, 23

Application:

Question:

1. How should God's Spirit living in Christians today change the way that we live and plan our days?
2. Is it better today to have God's Spirit living in us? How so or not?
3. Do you see the change from living under the Law to living under grace and with God's Spirit within believers as a good thing? How?