

# REACH | 14

## SERMON GUIDE

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**GLOBAL VISION: SETTING THE SPIRITUAL CAPTIVES FREE**

**ROMANS 6:15-23**

**OCTOBER 26, 2014**

### TAKEAWAYS

*Write out your one-sentence takeaways. Consider writing these on a notecard and putting it on your mirror, desk, or car dashboard.*

What to believe:

What to remember:

What to put off/put on:

What to share with someone:

### NEXT STEPS

*Here are next steps to walk in this truth this week. Don't feel constrained to these but feel free to use them.*

- Remind other believers in your life this week of the powerful freedom Christ has given them.
- Keep praying for spiritual freedom for an unreached people group as well as the local unchurched people in your life.
- Memorize Romans 6:17-18 and meditate on your freedom.
- Commit to a small group where others can encourage you in your identity and to walk in freedom.

### HOW TO PRAY

*Pray over the praises and requests of those around you but here are some additional ways to pray into our passage this week.*

- Pray for our missionaries and partners as they work to set people free around the world.
- Ask God to give you a sense of urgency for lost people in your life and unreached people groups globally.
- Ask God to convince and remind you of the freedom he's purchased for you and to help you walk in it this week.
- Pray for restoration in the families and lives of people in our church.

## APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION

*These questions focus on the sermon text and message and are designed to process what we've been hearing.*

Review: What has God been teaching you during REACH|14?

1. Paul argues that grace doesn't create laziness but compels obedience. Why is the freedom in grace such a strong motivation for obedience to Christ?
2. We've talked a lot lately about indicatives (who I am) and imperatives (what to do). What are the indicatives and what are the imperatives in Rom. 6:15-23? How do you build both into your walk this week and which do you need to lean into more?
3. **Christians are freed from sin's rule (vv. 16-18) but they have to exercise it by presenting themselves to God. How do we get the truth of our freedom into our hearts? How do we exercise our freedom in how we give ourselves to God and not sin?**
4. **Rom. 6:21 forces us to ask what fruit—results or effects—we get from our sin. What is a sin right now you're fighting against and what are some of the fruits from it? How can those around you keep encouraging you to fight this sin?**
5. What do we want for unreached peoples around the world? How does seeing people released from bondage as pictured in Rom. 6:15-23 motivate global missions?
6. **Many Christians believe there are family patterns that can't be broken or personal habits and inclinations that can't be changed. How does this text assure us of our freedom from sin's rule? Are there any areas in your life you've given into as an unconquerable hill that you need to see anew through the lens of Christ's victory and redemption for you?**
7. A few weeks ago we talked about how beauty characterizes the Christian as we're restored *from* sin and *to* Christ's image. Is the fruit of following Christ more appealing than the fruit of following after? Why or how so?

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

*For those wanting to study some of the key ideas in more detail here are some cross-references and resources.*

- **Recommended book:** *Licensed to Kill* from LIVE|12 is on sale for \$6 at the resources area next to the guest reception area.
- **Slavery to sin:** John 8:34; Eph. 2:1-3; Tit. 3:3; 2 Pet. 2:19.
- **Freedom:** John 8:32-36; Gal. 2:4; 5:1; Heb. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:16.