

How to go God's way

Living in relationship with God- session 6

Romans 6

If I'm forgiven, can't I live how I like? (v15)

"If you love me, you will obey what I command" **John 14:15**

"Why do you call me Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say?" **Luke 6:46**

"As obedient children do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance" **1 Peter 1:14**

1. You have a wonderful new master

a. **You were a slave to sin (v19-21)**

"no right, no wrong, no rules for me, I'm free! Let it go."

Queen Elsa, Frozen

"I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

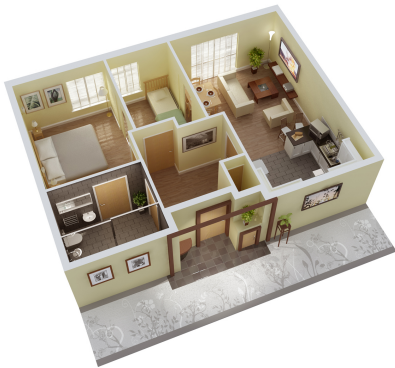
Jesus, John 8:34

b. **Jesus has set you free (v1-14, 17-18, 22)**

c. You're now a slave to God (v17-18, 22-23)

2. Resolve to let your new master take control of every area of life (v12-14)

a. God is the new owner of your life, not a lodger



"Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey"

Daniel Towner

b. God is bringing about a complete redesign, not just a touch-up



Small Groups – Romans 12:1-2

Next Time

Next time we'll be thinking about why it's so tough to go God's way

Main passages: Romans 8:18-25,

Bible-studies: John 15:18-25, Ephesians 6:10-12, 1 Peter 2:11

Some questions to get you going-

- What are some of the things that make following Christ *hard*?
- What lies behind those things?

Taking it further

Memory Verse

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

Romans 12:1

Further Bible-Study- Proverbs

The book of proverbs offers lots of little snapshots of what it will look like to live a 'life of wisdom', seeking to go God's way, rather than the way of the world.

Read Proverbs 2:1-8

- What is the foundation of a 'life of wisdom'? (v1)
- What attitude is required if we're to live a life of wisdom? (v2-4)
- What is the connection between 'wisdom' and the LORD? (v5-8)

Read Proverbs 2:9-22

- List some of the benefits of growing in wisdom
- Think about areas of your life where you'd love to live more of a life of wisdom.

For the book-worms

<i>Distinctives</i>	Vaughan Roberts	A series of practical chapters on Going God's way in a host of different areas of life.
<i>Just do something</i>	Kevin De Young	Dealing particularly with the area of 'guidance' in the Christian life.
<i>Sacrifice</i>	Simon Guillebaud	A short and practical book about fighting sin in our lives.