

**Suggested Discussion Questions for 3/20/2022 Message:
Instruments of Righteousness (Romans 6:1-14)**

1. How would you summarize the highlights of what Paul has taught us in the first 5 chapters of Romans?
2. What stands out to you in the series of questions that opens Romans 6? Why do you think Paul addressed the themes through questions rather than statements?
3. Water baptism is designed to picture our salvation – an outward symbol of our internal transformation. How would you explain the picture to a new believer asking you about baptism?
4. What difference does it make that we died with Christ? How does this differ from those who say things like “just pick a better path?”
5. If you have not been baptized, would this be a good time? Is there a good reason not to?
6. If you have been baptized, how has this picture encouraged you in your growth in Christ?
7. In verses 11-14 we find a series of commands. What are they? What does each contribute to your understanding of how we live out “newness of life” in Christ?
8. How do you (or could you) actively practice “reckoning yourself dead to sin and alive to God?”
9. Read Colossians 3. In that chapter, how does Paul deal with this concept? What things does he add that aids or increases your understanding?
10. If sin is not our ruler, why do we so readily succumb to its reign? How does getting a clear grip on our identity in Christ help us in the process of embracing the reign of Christ in us? (Also consider how this underscores the importance of baptism.)
11. What is one practical step you can take this week to live out this passage?