



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

**IT REALLY MATTERS HOW WE DETERMINE WHAT REALLY MATTERS. DISCIPLES TAKE SERIOUSLY THE EVALUATION OF PRIORITIES. IN THIS SERIES WE WILL LET SCRIPTURE INFORM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT REALLY COUNTS.**

- 1 **“DOES SIN *not* count?”** Read Romans 6:1. Many conclude that the message of grace means that sin doesn’t matter. Why do they think that, and what wrong responses do they want to make in light of what they think?
- 2 **Read Romans 6:2-4.** Paul’s response to the charge that grace treats sin lightly was to remind people of their baptisms. Why does he do this? What about our union with Christ’s death and resurrection should challenge the idea that grace means sin doesn’t matter?
- 3 **“TAKE YOUR *baptism into account.*”** Read Romans 6:5-7. Paul insists that participation in Christ’s death and resurrection brings liberation from sin. Why is this so? Why is it important to realize that Christians are more than “just forgiven”?
- 4 **Read Romans 6:8-11.** Just because something is true doesn’t mean that it is counted as true. What would keep Christians from believing that they are truly free from the bondage of any sin? What lies must the Christian confront if they are to truly enjoy their new life in Christ?
- 5 **“*Count yourselves DEAD TO SIN!*”** Read Romans 6:12-14. While in these bodies we will never be sinless; however, we can and should expect to sin less. What are some examples of how people offer themselves to sin? How do some Christians justify or make allowances for staying in bondage?
- 6 **COUNT YOURSELVES... *refuse sin’s offer.*** As saints we are temples of the Holy Spirit, but some of us are too lenient about allowing Satan on the property. Are there places in your life where the old master is still calling the shots? What are some things you can do to refuse sin’s offer in your life each day?
- 7 **COUNT YOURSELVES... *offer what counts.*** Read Romans 12:1. Holiness is more than saying “no” to sin. It is saying “yes” to God. How can we offer every part of ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness? What is one practical thing you can do this week?
- 8 Testimonies of struggle and victory are powerful ways to encourage holiness in one another. Share a story of an area of your life where God is helping you experience freedom.

