

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

Facilitator: Encourage your members to **BRING THEIR BIBLES** and use them during Connect Group.

CONNECT Group study questions for February 11, 2018

Title: Dead to Sin—Romans 6:1-7 (ESV)

Read: Romans 6:1-7

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

***5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin.*

Review: Read the notes from Pastor Peppy's lesson, *Dead to Sin*, and share what God revealed to you from his message.

Question: We learned about the doctrine of justification. Now we learn about sanctification. It's as if God is saying: Through your faith in Jesus Christ, I declared you as righteous as Jesus himself, now let me make you act like him.

In what way is justification and sanctification similar? How are they different? **Facilitator:** Both are based on faith. Justification occurs the instant a person believes, but sanctification grows as a believer matures spiritually and takes on a "family resemblance" to Christ himself. See if your group members can make other comparisons and contrasts.

Question: If both are based on faith, why is it easier to be justified than to be sanctified?

What makes sanctification so difficult?

Question: What is antinomianism?

Do you know any “antinomian believers?” Why is that an oxymoron (a contradiction in terms)?

Question: Pastor Peppy taught us that the true believer who has received the peace of God (John 14:27) cannot sin and stay in peace.

If a person comes to a point where they are no longer at peace, is it because they sinned? What should they do to restore that peace?

Could it be that they are no longer at peace because God is revealing a new truth to them or leading them in a different direction?

Read: Verses 3 and 4 of our text. Also, Galatians 2:20

Question: What does it mean to be “identified with Christ?” What’s in it for the believer, if they are identified with Christ? **Facilitator:** Google search “Forty things received at salvation” and find a list with supporting Scriptures.