

ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 01/07/07
Prison Break
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The idea in the talk on Sunday was that all mankind has been imprisoned by sin (Galatians 3:22) and that Paul was talking about his pre-conversion experience when describing his struggle in Romans 7:23. Jesus came to set the prisoners free (Luke 4:18).

I SUGGEST YOU DIVIDE THE GROUP INTO TWO HALVES

1. One half is the whole of Romans chapter 7
2. The other half is given Galatians 3:10-25

(NOTE TO LEADER:

- i) There is a debate about who “I” is in Romans 7:14-25, some people think that Paul is describing his struggles as a Christian, others say that this struggle is totally incompatible with Paul’s statements elsewhere about freedom and victory, so he must be talking about his pre-Christian experience.
- ii) Of the two passages, Romans is more demanding than Galatians, and you might want to bear that in mind when dividing up the group.)

Give both groups the same four questions:

- a) What does this passage teach us about the purpose, origin, or character of God’s law?
- b) What effect has Christ’s death and resurrection had upon the law?
- c) What, therefore, is the Christian’s position NOW in relation to the law?
- d) How, as Christians, are we affected by the “law of sin” now?

THEN BRING THE TWO HALVES OF THE GROUP TOGETHER, AND GET THEM TO PRESENT THEIR DISCOVERIES.

Final question (when everyone is back together in one group):

- What have you learned through this exercise?
- Is it possible to apply what you have learned through these two passages in any practical ways?