

AMAZING GRACE

2. Anything Goes

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Romans 6.15-23

15 *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!* **16** *Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

- In Jesus' famous story of Grace, the result of the Prodigal Son's actions were ultimately forgiveness and a welcome with open arms. So does this mean that there are no consequences to our choices and we should do whatever we feel?
- v16. '*slaves to sin*'. Why does Paul talk about sin making us 'slaves' when it's our choice how we live? Have you ever experienced sin taking away freedom – in your life or in the lives of others?
- Clare talked about alcohol and the 'pre' party culture of drinking to boost confidence. Do you agree with what she said, or did you find it judgemental? (You may want to replay that section for those that weren't there.) What other moral issues are a challenge for young adult Christians today?
- v17. '*You have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance*'. Do we see the Bible's teaching as something to obey and give allegiance to, or more of a series of 'take it or leave it' suggestions?
- v22. '*the benefit you reap leads to holiness*'. Is holiness something that seems like a genuine benefit to our lives and happiness, or more of a restriction? Why?
- When is it right for one Christian to challenge the lifestyle and choices of another, and when is it inappropriate? How should we face this issue with one another as a group?

Big Idea: 'Grace enables us to face reality. It leads us to freedom and calls us to significance.'

Pray for each other for more of God's Grace. Pray that Grace leads us into truth and freedom. Pray that Grace helps us discover a significance and the joy of holiness. Pray for the courage and wisdom to be faithful to one another, yet still respond with grace, rather than judgement.

Pray again for those that you're planning to invite (or have already invited) to Metro Carols. Pray for a message of Grace and freedom this Christmas.