



SERMON NOTES

Date

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker

Scripture Passage

Additional Verses

What is the main idea of this sermon?

What key words/thoughts are important?

What did we learn about God from this passage?

What does God want me to do or believe in response to this passage?

What was my favorite song lyric today?

What is something I didn't understand?

Day One—Sermon Application

Eugene Peterson has defined spiritual growth (or 'sanctification') as "a long obedience in the same direction." In Romans 6, Paul describes this process as either being "slaves to sin" or "slaves to obedience." **What areas of your life are "slaves to sin"? What choices can you make this week to "present your members as slaves to righteousness"?**

What fruit is evident in your life that you are practicing "a long obedience in the same direction" toward honoring God in your life?

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Next Sunday, we will be singing the song *The Love of God*. Spend some time praying through the lyrics of this song.

*The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.*

How would you describe the love of God in your own words?

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Were the Ten Commandments written more as a guideline for us to live by or for the realization that we cannot keep them and are in desperate need of a Savior?

Many people believe that the language Paul is using here about his failure to overcome sin could be from his past before he knew Christ. Others believe, that because of Paul's shortcomings, that he was writing this from a time in his life when he might have been a nominal Christian. **But considering verse 22, is it possible that Paul is illustrating through his own life that even strong believers continue to struggle with sin?**

Application: Spend some time this week journaling things that you desire to do and are not doing and things that you are partaking in that you should confess and leave behind.