

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 March 4, 2018

Title: Free From the Law—Romans 7:1- (ESV)

Read: Romans 7:1-6

*Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? **2** For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. **3** Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.*

***4** Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. **5** For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. **6** But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

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

Read: Romans 7:1-3

Question: What does it mean to die to the law?

Question: In what ways have you thought to cultivate a relationship with Christ since you were released from the law?

Read: Romans 7:5

Question: How does the law arouse sinful passions?

Question: If the law was impossible to keep and actually stimulated our sinful passions, why did God institute it? **Facilitator:** Include Galatians 3:24-25 in your discussion.

Read: Romans 7:5

Question: What are the differences between bearing fruit for God and bearing fruit for death?

Question: In what area of your life do you find the most difficulty bearing fruit? **Facilitator:** Include Galatians 5:16-23 in your discussion.

Read: Romans 7:6

Question: Talk about ways you can serve the Lord in “the new way of the Spirit.” **Facilitator:** This would be a good time to talk about your Shine project.