Small Group Material (Participant Guide)

Act Now Series – PART 4 - "Choose What You Want" (02.28.16)

Bottom Line: *The struggle against sin leads you to the cross.*
Study Verses: *Galatians 5:13-26, Romans 13:11-14*

Key Points

- **You don't master sin by willpower; you master sin by surrender.**
- **Where there is no condemnation, you'll find the freedom you are looking for.**
- **The way to fight temptation is to surrender.**
- **To love is to bear the image of God to the people around you.**

ENCOUNTER

- **What does it mean to struggle with temptation the right way? What do your actions and mindset look like when you are doing so?**

- **What causes you to finally surrender a struggle with temptation over to God? What does it look to like to actually surrender?**

FORMATION

- **Read Romans 13:11-14. What does Paul want his readers to understand when he uses the imagery of us "clothing ourselves with Christ" as it relates to our battle with temptation?**

- **Read Galatians 5:13-18. How does this passage speak to the choice facing us in our struggle with temptation? Describe the conflict going on inside of you.**

- **Read Galatians 5:19-26. What motivates and drives the "acts of the flesh"? How do the fruits of the spirit turn our attention towards others and away from ourselves?**

EXPRESSION

- **The struggle against sin leads you to the cross. What sins and struggles do you need to leave there?**

- **How has your view of temptation changed over these past four weeks? What encouragement have you walked away with and where have you been challenged?**