

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ROMANS | LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

FEBRUARY 9/10 | ROMANS 8:1-30

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. How aware are you of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life, our church, the world? As a group, list out as much as you can about the Holy Spirit.

DIGGING IN

1. He gives **freedom**—from what, according to verses 1-2?
2. He gives **life**—how is that life described in v 6, 11?
 - When and how do we receive new life? Look up Ephesians 1:13-14.
 - The new life we enjoy in the Spirit makes us what? Look up verses 15-17. *Notice He gives us assurance that we belong to Him!
 - New life brings **new desires**—how are they different from our old desires (flesh), cf verses 5-8? For more on this, look up Galatians 5:16-21.
3. He gives **direction**—leads us (v 14). Look up John 14:23-26 to see how.
4. He **prays** for us—notice the context is suffering (8:17 ff).
 - How does He pray for us (cf vv 26-27)?
 - If the Spirit prays according to God's will, what can we be confident of in verse 28? What is it saying, and what is it NOT saying?
5. He **shapes us**—is making us more like Christ (vv 29-30). What was their response in v 31?

BRINGING IT HOME

Romans 8 uncovered several ways the Holy Spirit helps us:

1. From this passage, how do we know that we are in step with the Spirit (living according to the Spirit)? Look up Galatians 5:18-25.
2. What would change most in your life if you were empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit? What are we missing if we aren't?
3. Paul is clear, victory through Christ doesn't give us a pass from sharing in Jesus' suffering. What does it mean to suffer with Jesus, and how does God work, even suffering, for our good (cf Romans 5:3-5)?
4. Share an example of Romans 8:28 from your own life of how a hard thing became a good thing by God's grace.

MESSAGE NOTES

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Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Bri Morrison at bmorrison@doorcreekchurch.org.