



COMMUNITY Groups

JANUARY 1ST, 2017 | A NEW BRAND

OPEN

- If you were going to make a new year's resolution this year (even if you're not), what would it be and why?
- What stood out to you the most from Ryan's message? How was God speaking to you while you were listening?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Read Romans 8.1-2. These verses begin with the word "therefore." Look back at the preceding chapters in Romans. What is the context of the passage we are reading now? Why can Paul say there is "no condemnation"? What do you think Paul means by "law of the Spirit" and "law of sin and death"?
- What is one personal way "the law of the Spirit of life" has been (or could be) setting you free?
- Read Romans 8.3-4. What stands out to you in these two verses? Explain Paul's argument here in your own words: what exactly do you think he is saying? How does Paul think the "righteous requirements of the law" can be fulfilled in the life of the believer?
- How would you describe your attitude towards obedience to God? Are you hopeful: always striving for increased obedience and surrender? Are you cynical: never thinking it is really possible? How do v. 3-4 challenge you?
- Read Romans 8.5-7. What do you think it means to have your "mind set" on what the flesh desires? What does it look like to have your "mind controlled" by the Spirit? What else do you see in these three verses?
- How is the battle between the "flesh" (or sinful nature) and the Spirit going in your own life? What are some ways you find victory? What are some ways you still struggle?

COMMIT

What is one specific thing you could do this week to "set your mind on what the Spirit desires"?

PRAY

Have two movements of group prayer tonight. First, have people confess/name things of the flesh in their life. Then, have them pray for God to usher in the realities of the Spirit.