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“Conviction vs. Condemnation” Small Group Questions, 3/8

*Read Romans 7:14-8:4

1. What jumped out to you about this passage, which Addison lovingly calls the “Do-Do” chapter?
2. When we become Christ-followers, why do we continue to struggle with sin?
3. Can you relate to what Paul writes in Romans 7:18-19? Do you ever find yourself doing stuff you don't want to do and not doing the things you know are right?
4. Earlier in Romans 7, Paul explains that keeping God's Law isn't what saves us. So, we might ask, what good is it? (Answer: The law is important because it reminds us that we are sinners unable to keep God's high standards.) Why would God want us to be reminded that we could never measure up to His standard?
5. What do you see as the difference between conviction and condemnation? Where does each come from, and what does each produce? (Condemnation comes from the Evil One, and seeks to embarrass and cause shame; Conviction comes from God, and seeks to correct and cause change.)
6. When you sin, do you experience condemnation or conviction? Explain.
7. As followers of Christ, how does our view of sin change because of what Jesus did on the cross and in the tomb?
8. When we feel condemned, we may feel hopeless and imprisoned; when we feel convicted, we are to experience hope and freedom through correction. Are there ways you can rid yourself of condemnation without dumping conviction, too? Why or why not?
9. Are you choosing to condemn people who've hurt you or think differently than you, even though God no longer condemns you for your sins and mistakes? How can we as a group help you in this area?
10. What is one thing you can “Do” this week that you know you ought to “Do”?