



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of May 14, 2023

Sermon: "The Assurance of the Spirit"

Text: Romans 8

SUMMARY

The Holy Spirit applies the full assurance of the gospel to the whole life of the believer - from no condemnation, to no separation. We have assurance by the Spirit because we are... Set free by the Spirit of God - vv. 1 - 11; Sealed by the Spirit in adoption - vv. 12 - 17; Sustained by the Spirit in suffering - vv. 18 - 30 ; Super-victorious by the Spirit in the love of God - vv. 31 - 39

FOR GROUPS

What does it mean that "there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus?"

In what ways are you laboring under condemnation that the Spirit of God has freed you from? What is the source of that condemnation?

How do we "set our mind on the things of the Spirit," and "live according to the Spirit?"

How is it that the Spirit applies the assurance of the gospel through the reality of our adoption in Christ? Why is adoption a comfort and confidence for the believer in Christ?

Adoption in Christ holds promises for our life now and in the life to come. What does our adoption mean now, and then?

How does the intercessory ministry of the Spirit, and of Christ, comfort and assure the believer?

Read Romans 8:29-30. How do the truths of those verses interact with Romans 8:28? How does Romans 8:29-30 help us understand, "all things work together for good?"

You are "super-victorious" in Christ, by the Spirit. What impedes you from living in that truth consistently?

What is present in your life (person, thing, belief, circumstance, etc.) that you see as trying to separate you from the love of Christ? How should you understand and relate to that person, thing, belief, circumstance, etc?