

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Led by the Spirit*

One of the most common challenges Christians face is this: focusing on our condition rather than our position. What conditions might you be facing? Your condition might be a health problem or a financial burden. It could be a struggle with your teenager. Maybe it's a persistent habit that keeps flaring up.

What is the problem with focusing only on your condition? It's always changing.

Here's the good news: If you are in Christ, your position with God never changes.

As we'll see in today's passage, there's even more to it than that. If you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit is in you – and being led by the Spirit transforms how you relate to God.

Discussion

1. Read Romans 8:14-17. What are the key terms that jump out at you?
2. According to Paul, what is the difference between being a slave and being a son or daughter?
3. Before becoming a Christian, what caused us to live in fear? How can we become slaves to fear?
4. Why would Paul use the term "adoption" to describe our conversion experience?
5. What does it mean to be an heir of God and a co-heir with Christ? What is the inheritance we are receiving?

Application

1. What are one or two ways you can actively seek God's direction?
2. Why is it important to be in a small group with other committed Christians?
3. What does it mean to trust the Holy Spirit and not your emotions? When might emotions be a good indicator of God's leading?

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