



The Holy Spirit Changes Everything!: Romans 8:1-17

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: Romans 8:1-17

1. What big ideas does Paul work to communicate in these verses about new life through the Spirit?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life

2. The Holy Spirit:
 - “Dwells” in all who are “in Christ”
 - Guarantees our eternal inheritance
 - Births a love for God, His glory, and His ways
 - Secures our adoption as God’s children
 - Removes the condemnation of sin
 - Empowers victory in our fight with sin
- What aspect of life in the Spirit has God allowed you to enjoy fully and experience deeply in your walk with Him?
- What aspect of life in the spirit are you desiring to experience at a deeper level?
3. In Roman culture, the adopted person lost all rights in his old family and gained all the rights of a legitimate child in his new family. He became a full heir to his new father’s estate. Paul uses adoption or “sonship” to illustrate the believer’s new relationship with God. What privileges and responsibilities do we gain and take on as a child in God’s family?
4. There is a price for being identified with Jesus (8:17). Along with the great treasures, Paul mentions the suffering that Christians must face. What kinds of suffering are we to endure? How have we been resourced to face suffering?
5. How would you explain Romans 8:1 to someone considering the Christian faith but struggling to understand the heart and ways of God?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)