



As the discussion leader, here are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group: • **Pray** for your group discussion time! • **Review** your notes from Sunday's message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting. • **Choose** a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group. For questions with multiple parts, answer the first part before reading the next part to the group. These questions are designed to build on the answer of the previous part before moving on.

Getting to Know Me

What is something you are looking forward to doing in the next year?

Exploring the Word – Romans 8:23-26

1. As you listened to the message, what points stood out?
2. Read Romans 8:23-25. What does the gift of the Holy Spirit give Christians hope for? What will happen to our bodies when they are glorified (refer to 1 Corinthians 15:43-44)?
3. How do we determine what our source of hope is? Can a person truly be joyful if the Holy Spirit is not their source of hope?
4. How does the Holy Spirit help us to have hope and faith in both the present and the future? How can we balance the tension between waiting patiently for heaven while remaining expectant on earth?
5. Read Romans 8:26. How does the Holy Spirit intercede for us when we are praying? What is the initial evidence that we have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?
6. How does praying in the Spirit help us communicate more effectively with God? How can a person receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?



Romans 8:24-26

I. An empowered evidence for hope (v. 24)

- Glorification is the _____ of our bodies.
- Our hope comes from the evidence of God's love – _____.
- Our hope comes from the evidence of God's acceptance – _____.

II. An empowered expectation of hope (v. 25)

- Hope and faith are not _____.
- First-fruits leads to a harvest but requires _____.
- Patience without eagerness becomes _____ and _____.
- Eagerness without patience becomes _____ and _____.

III. The Spirit helps with our prayer and worship (v. 26)

- The Spirit joins with our spirit at _____.
- The Spirit helps with the weakness in our _____.
- Our weakness is not the ability to pray, but the _____.
- Praying and worshiping in tongues is not _____ but is helpful.

IV. Prayer and worship in the Spirit is transcendent speech (v. 26)

- The Holy Spirit is the _____ of the content when praying in the Spirit.
- Spirit-inspired prayer and worship is _____.
- Inarticulate speech is not the absence of _____.