

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Personal

Would you say that you live more out of the flesh or the Spirit?

What parts of the flesh do you struggle with the most?

In what areas of your life would you like to experience more of the Spirit?

Who champions the Holy Spirit in your life?

Family

Is the atmosphere of your home more in the realm of the flesh or Spirit?

What can you do as a family to live more in the realm of the Spirit?

What are some positive examples you see the attributes of the Spirit in each other?

Discipleship Group

What parts of the flesh do you struggle with the most?

In what areas of your life would you like to experience more of the Spirit?

What does dying to self daily mean to you?

How is the world enticing us into a foolish faith?

**DYING
THE CHRIST
CENTERED LIFE**



Dying And Living



Peace

Hope

Approval

Forgiveness

Grace

Wisdom

Purpose

Presence

Strength

Courage

Freedom

Provision

Promise



Possession



**Jesus lived in one realm
but lived from another realm.**

Realm = Dimension or Reality

**Living is activated when our
“Believed Realm” is greater
than our “Perceived Reality.”**

**Don't let what you perceive
outweigh what you believe!**

Provision

Promise

Holy Spirit

Possession



EPHESIANS 1:3



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every
spiritual blessing in Christ.

SPIRITUAL
PNEUMATIKOS
HOLY SPIRIT

BLESSING — *EULOGIA*

TO SPEAK

HIGHLY OF OR

TO RECEIVE FAVOR

EPHESIANS 1:17-20

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead.

EZEKIEL 37:4-5



Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them,
‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones:

‘I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life...’ ”

EZEKIEL 37:14

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live



FLESH

**A bent towards sin,
pride, ego, self-gratification,
and self-preservation**

ROMANS 8:9-11

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Death

(Realm of Flesh)

Anger
Rage
Shame
Pride
Hate
Lust
Fear
Envy
Lies
Addiction
Greed

Life

(Realm of Spirit)

Peace
Hope
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Freedom

“The heart wants what it wants.”

“Follow your heart.”

“You do you.”

“Just do it.”

“Have it your way.”

“Be true to yourself.”

**THE FLESH CRAVES
THE WORLD NORMALIZES
THE DEVIL JUSTIFIES**

2 PETER 2:19



They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity — for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”

**What I don't master
ends up mastering me.**

“The main work of life is to come out of our selves, out of the little, dark prison we are all born in... The danger is that of coming to love the prison.”

— C.S. Lewis

2 PETER 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 PETER 1:4

By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

**The Holy Spirit is not
just a means to an end.**

**We often want the result
of the Spirit but not the
relationship of the Spirit.**

GALATIANS 5:16-17 †

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

GALATIANS 3:1-2 †

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?

GALATIANS 3:3-5 †

Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

2 TIMOTHY 4:3

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

IDIOS — *SELF*

**PERTAINING TO
ONE'S SELF, ONE'S
OWN, BELONGING TO
ONE'S SELF**

MARK 8:34-35

If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me and for the good news, you will save it.

**Dying is about self-denial
in an age of self-fulfillment.**

**The cross isn't just something
Jesus did for us.
It's something we do with Him.**

**We take more possession of
the promise when the Spirit
takes more possession of us.**

PRAYER OF DYING AND LIVING

Holy Spirit I invite you to expose any area of my life that is driven by my flesh.

Holy Spirit I invite you to reveal where I have been foolish in my faith.

Holy Spirit I give you permission to show me where I need to die to myself.

Holy Spirit I desire to walk with you today.

Holy Spirit align me with the mind of Christ, the heart of Christ, and the actions of Christ.

Holy Spirit fill me afresh with your new life today.

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