



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: ***Recognize, Receive, and Rejoice in the Work of God by His Spirit***

Coming out of the warring consternation between the flesh and the Spirit (7:7-25), Paul continues to describe and elaborate on the inner workings of the Christian life. Chapter 7 emphasized our remaining sinful desires and the law, but chapter 8 emphasizes the now-dominate influence and power of the Spirit ("Spirit" is used more than 20x in ch8). Notably, there are no commands in chapter 8. The intent is to highlight the work of God the Father, through the Son, applied to us by the Spirit. The work of the spirit is multifaceted, and Paul wants for us to recognize, receive, and rejoice in His work – His work of giving life, guiding life, and guaranteeing life eternal.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 8:1-4

1. What is the good news of v1? How does it relate to 7:24?
 - a. Why must we keep these two realities together? What happens if we lose one?
2. How do verses 2-4 explain the "how" and "why" there being "no condemnation"?
3. What makes this difficult, and yet absolutely essential for living the Christian life?

Read Romans 8:5-13

4. What contrast is Paul highlighting?
5. What is the defining proof and sure evidence that someone is led by the Spirit? (v13)
6. How does this evidence relate to the "no condemnation" of verse 1?
 - a. Why is it essential to hold together the security of "no condemnation" and the responsibility of "put to death the deeds of the body"?
 - b. How does "no condemnation" actually enable us to receive correction, conviction, and confession?

Read Romans 8:14-17

7. What comfort and assurance is offered through these verses?
8. How would you respond to someone who says, "we are all children of God"? (see John 1:11-13, and John 8:39-47)
9. How does this passage (1-17) help you to recognize, receive, and rejoice in the work of God by the Spirit? What does that look like for you today? This week?

***"Run and Work!" the Law demands - Yet gives me neither feet nor hands
A better word, the Gospel brings - It bids me "Fly!" And gives me wings!***

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** - That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ
 - b. **Belong** - to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** - to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** - to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)