



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Ending Well

Week 4

Romans 8:28-39

Introduction

Read the book of Romans and you'll see that Paul spends the first six chapters explaining our need of God's grace and how this need is met through Christ. It's in the 8th chapter that he begins unpacking the difference this makes in our daily lives. And it's not until we get to this 8th chapter that the Holy Spirit is mentioned. What we discover is the key part he plays in how we live the new life that's ours in Christ.

Read Romans 8 before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

1. Have you had the experience of having a challenging task that's been given to you or that you choose for yourself, completing that task well and knowing the satisfaction that comes with it? Describe this experience in writing.
2. How about a similar experience, but it was a task you didn't complete at all or you'd didn't complete it to your satisfaction. Describe this experience in writing.
3. Thinking about your spiritual life, do you have days that go well and at the end of those days you have a sense of peace and satisfaction in your relationship with God? Is there a recent day that stands out. If yes, describe what it was that went well and how you felt with it.
4. Again, how about the opposite experience? A day that didn't go well and how you felt at the end of it.
5. The Holy Spirit is mentioned several times in the 8th chapter of Romans. How does the Holy Spirit interceding for us (verse 26) provide the help we need in our personal struggles?
6. Have you ever had days where you wondered why God would stick with you? If yes, what was it about those days that made you feel this way?
7. The last twelve verses in Romans 8 are filled with promise. Write down each one of those promises. How does each one impact how you see yourself in relation to God?
8. Thinking about these promises and what they mean for you, what word phrase would you use to describe yourself?