Life Through the Spirit

Romans 8:1-17

Lesson 13 Questions

First Day: Read the Lesson 12 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. How did the lecture help you notice God's work in your life this week?

2. What truth from the notes helped you better understand believers' ongoing battle with sin?

Second Day: Read Romans 8:1-4.

Paul proclaimed that believers are free from sin's condemnation.

3. a. How does Paul's heart cry in Romans 7:24-25 lay the groundwork for His triumphant declaration in Romans 8:1?

   b. Define the following words:
   Therefore

   Now

   No

   Condemnation

   c. What makes the proclamation of verse 1 especially significant to you?

4. a. From verses 2-3, describe the work of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) to save sinners. (See also John 14:15-21; 16:8-15.)

   b. Because those in Christ are no longer under the law, how and why do they fulfill the law's requirements?

5. What powerful truth from this passage impacts your life, and how will you express thanks to God?

Third Day: Read Romans 8:5-11.

Paul described two different mindsets.

6. Name the two different groups Paul described and contrast their minds and lives.

7. a. How do you recognize a mind set on the Spirit's desires? (See also Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; and other verses you know.)

   b. What desires of your mind and heart demonstrate that the Spirit of God lives in you?

8. According to verses 9-11, what things are true of everyone in whom the Spirit of God (also called the Spirit of Christ) lives, and how do these truths encourage you today?

Fourth Day: Read Romans 8:12-13.

Paul exhorted believers regarding a new obligation.

9. To what is a believer no longer obligated? What is the believer's new obligation, and why?

10. a. What does the phrase "put to death" teach about the attitude people should have toward sin? (See also 2 Corinthians 7:1; Philippians 3:10-14.)

    b. How is it possible to "put to death the misdeeds of the body"? (See also Romans 6:11-14; Galatians 5:13-21; Colossians 3:5-17.)

11. What challenges do you face living life according to the Spirit? How do you need the Holy Spirit's help, and how can your group pray for you?

Fifth Day: Read Romans 8:14-17.

Paul explained believers' new status with God.

12. What is a believer's new status with God, and why is this a cause for celebration?

13. a. Read Matthew 6:7-8; 10:29-31; Romans 8:29; Hebrews 12:7-11; and 1 John 3:1-3. What are additional benefits of being God's child?

    b. If you are a believer, express how you have experienced these benefits.

14. How might these truths help you or others who doubt God's fatherly love?

Sixth Day: Review Romans 8:1-17.

The Holy Spirit empowers God's children to live holy lives.

15. What was most meaningful to you in this week's passage, and why?

Homiletics for Group and Administrative Leaders: Romans 8:1-17