Romans 7 – Great Problem, Greater Saviour Life Group Leaders' Questions - Sunday August 9, 2020

Discussion Starter: Share how the current Covid-19 situation is affecting your heart and life at the present time.

Digging Deeper into the Word

In Romans 1-5, Paul explains what the grace of God does for us – saving us from the penalty of sin and into a relationship with God by grace (justification). In Romans 6-8, Paul explain what the grace of God does in us – helping us to be new people (sanctification).

- 1. How does Romans 7:4-6 give us a great summary of Romans 6-8?
- 2. In Romans 7:7-14, Paul argues that our problem is not the law, but our problem is sin which can take even God's good gifts and use them against us. Why is it important to understand how deep and powerful the problem of sin is?
- 3. The exact identity of the "I" in verses 14-25 is highly disputed. In light of the context, we took it as Paul's experience as a Jew (7:5), under the law, while still sold as a slave to sin, and no power to obey. What is the experience of v14-23?
- 4. Why is verse 25 all the more powerful in light of v14-25?

Formed by the Spirit, For the Mission

- 5. How aware are you of the place(s) where God is working on your character right now? Can you identify them?
- 6. Are you powerless or powerful to beat sin?
- 7. What could you say to someone who says the following? "I feel so discouraged by what a failure I am and how powerful sin is in my life!"
- 8. What is meant by the following statement? "We fight sin with worship"
- 9. What does people with "gospel changed hearts" have to do with our mission of reaching our community with the hope of Jesus?
- 10. What is one thing the Holy Spirit has made clear to you in this study? (a truth, a sin, a next step of faith....?)