

**Romans 8.1-17 – Walking by the Spirit**  
**Life Group Leaders' Questions - Sunday August 23, 2020**

**Discussion Starter:** What is the first thing that comes into your mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?

**Digging Deeper into the Word**

Romans 8:1-17 explains that the Christian life is an empowered life - a life of walking according to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a person, who fills us with gospel motivation, empowering us to live the new creation life, even as we struggle with sin here and now.

1. In Romans 8:1-4, how does Paul pull together the book of Romans with the Holy Spirit as the key?
2. In Romans 8:5-11, Paul describes two kinds of people, those who belong to Jesus (shown by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit) and those who do not (who live according to the sinful nature). What can you observe in verse 5? (NIV)

**Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.**

3. In verses 12-13, life in the Spirit means killing sin. Meditate on these verses. What do they teach us?
4. In verses 14-17, life in the Spirit means bringing God's love to life. What strikes you in these verses?

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5. Based on these verses, discuss some strategies for putting sin to death in your life.
6. Based on these verses, discuss some strategies for bringing to life the joy and love of a relationship with God.
7. Were there any particular examples/illustrations/truths that you have found helpful? Why?
8. Take a few moments to pray, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you, speak to you, and use you – for each other and for our community.