

ROMANS 8:26-30 “WHY YOU CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT GOD’S SPIRIT”

Week 1

Life is about cooperating with God’s Spirit so that you are eternally prepared to bear the image of Jesus with souls that you have led to Christ for God’s glory and your joy.

Nothing in the world is plainer to see than God’s handiwork. What isn’t always so evident is the secret agent executing His designs, The Holy Spirit. Of all the persons in the Godhead, the Holy Spirit gets the least publicity. That, of course, is by design. A point we will come to later in our studies. However, a careful study of Scripture reveals the Spirit’s prominent role in bringing to pass the purposes of God. One must look no further than the beginning of the Bible in the first words of Genesis to discover that at the dawn of creation, the Spirit was hovering over the waters, faithfully fulfilling the aspirations of the universe’s Almighty Architect. Fast forward to the very end of the Bible to the final words of John’s Revelation, and you discover the Spirit beckoning souls to come to the waters of life to drink freely. In the middle of these bountiful bookends, chapter, and verse overflows with the endless efforts of God’s Spirit.

All of this is to say that everything God does is done through His Spirit, without exception. That means everything in your life. If so, why is He the forgotten God of the Trinity? Why are His efforts unnoticed and His power untapped? Why is He waiting for so many Christians to be awakened to His presence and to align with His purpose? You will experience a Spirit-fulfilled life when you answer those questions for yourself, and here is where the journey begins.

(10 min) PRAY

As a Life Group, invite the Holy Spirit into your time. Confess your need for Him, your dependence, and your willingness to obey Him. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you.

(25 min) REFLECT

As you’ve had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week’s lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. The Holy Spirit works in your life, restoring the broken connection between you and God. Consider the Scriptures below and discuss how they relate to the Holy Spirit’s work in your life.
 - John 16:8-11
 - John 3:3-8
 - Titus 3:4-7
 - 1 Corinthians 12:13

2. Discuss what it means to have daily communion with God. According to the teaching, how does the Holy Spirit help you understand God? How does He help you to pray and to worship? Use the Scriptures below to answer the questions.
 - 1 Corinthians 2:12
 - John 4:24
3. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. Discuss what this Scripture means. How does it relate to Romans 8:26-30?
4. What does Romans 8:26-30 reveal about God's purpose for our lives? Does your purpose align with His purpose? What changes can you make to align more with God's purpose and partner with His Spirit?

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Life Groups provide a unique opportunity and place to experience the working of God's Spirit. In the coming weeks, you will be encouraged to exercise spiritual gifts, pray for healing, and share special Scriptures and words for one another that you believe to be from God. Be open to this. This week spend extended time praying and encouraging each other to be available to the Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **Romans 8:28-29 And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**

(5 min) APPLICATION

Based on the study, identify three steps you will take to rely on the Holy Spirit to take you deeper into your communion with God. Steps that you will implement over the next five weeks. Write them down and share them with the group. At the end of this study, you will discuss the journey and what you have learned.