



Gospel Power: The Power of the Holy Spirit

Small group discussion guide for the sermon on Sunday, July 20.

Scripture:

Romans 8:1-11

Sermon Series: Gospel Power

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Key Takeaways

- In Christ, you are no longer bound to the guilt and power of sin.
- Love is the true mark of freedom in Christ.
- Life is found when you set your mind on the Spirit.

Discussion

1. Many Christians still live as if they're condemned, even though they're in Christ. Have you ever experienced this? What do you think causes this disconnect?
2. How does understanding our freedom in Christ change the way we view our past failures and current struggles with sin?
3. Discuss the statement: "Instead of running from God because of your sin, let sin be the reason you run to him." How might this perspective change our approach to dealing with sin?
4. In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to trust the 'GPS of the Spirit' rather than the 'GPS of the flesh'?
5. What role does community play in helping us 'recenter' our spiritual GPS when we drift off course?
6. How might our lives look different if we truly believed and lived out the truth that 'there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus'?

Practical Applications

1. Start each day this week by singing or listening to a worship song, focusing your mind on God first thing.
2. Choose a verse from Romans 8 to meditate on throughout the week.
3. Write down three things you're thankful for each day, cultivating an attitude of gratitude.
4. Identify one person in your life who may be difficult to love. Commit to showing them Christ-like love in a tangible way this week.
5. When you catch yourself dwelling feeling condemned, practice immediately redirecting your thoughts your thoughts to a truth from Scripture.