

**Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Series: **“Living a Resurrected Life”**

Message: **“Understanding What is Ours”**

Sermon Text: **Romans 8:9-17**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 139:7-12**; Gospel Text: **John 14:25-**

**27. Read Romans 8:9-17 (below) as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.**

1. Read **Romans 8:9**. What determines whether the Spirit of God dwells in us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read **Romans 8:10**. What does Paul tell us will happen to our bodies because of sin?

Even though that's true, what can we be assured of if the Spirit dwells in us?

3. Read **Romans 8:11**. How often do you stop to think that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in you?

According to Paul, why should that truth give us great confidence in what lies ahead for us?

4. Read **Romans 8:12**. If *we are not debtors to the flesh*, to whom *do we owe a debt*?

5. Read **Romans 8:13**. According to Paul, what determines whether we ultimately die or live forever with Christ?

6. Read **Romans 8:14**. What determines whether we are *sons of God* or not?

Is Paul being sexist when he calls us *sons of God*?

What is Paul communicating by using that title?

7. Read **Romans 8:15**. In Rome, what did Pastor Dave say was true of an *adopted son*?

How should that make us feel about our adoption into God's family?

What does the word *Abba* tell us about the kind of relationship God wants to have with us?

8. Read **Romans 8:16**. How does Paul tell us we can know for sure if we are a child of God?

Have you tried this test yet in your own life?

9. Read **Romans 8:17**. According to this verse, what wonderful gifts are ours as *children of God*?

What must we be willing to do to receive these gifts?

10. What will you remember most from this message?

### **Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting**

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 139:7-12** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
  1. What does this passage of scripture make clear about the Holy Spirit?
  2. Why, if the Holy Spirit is good (And He is!), would people want to flee from Him and hide from Him?
  3. Have you ever tried to hide from the Holy Spirit, and if so, when?
  4. How did that work out for you trying to hide from God?
  
- II. Next read **John 14:25-27**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
  1. If **John 14:26** is true (And it is!), why is it so important that the whole church knows, loves, and trusts the Holy Spirit?
  2. What are you doing to ensure that the Holy Spirit is *teaching you all things and bringing to your remembrance all that Jesus said?*
  3. When you read **John 14:27**, what do you associate with having Christ's peace?
  4. Is this peace a regular part of your life or only an occasional blessing?
  5. How long have you been aware of your great need for the Holy Spirit?
  
- III. Read **Romans 8:9-17**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
  1. Read **Romans 8:9**. What determines whether the Spirit of God dwells in us?
  2. Read **Romans 8:10**. What does Paul tell us will happen to our bodies because of sin?
  3. Even though that's true, what can we be assured of if the Spirit dwells in us?
  4. Read **Romans 8:11**. How often to you stop to think that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in you?
  5. According to Paul, why should that truth give us great confidence in what lies ahead for us?
  6. Read **Romans 8:12**. If *we are not debtors to the flesh*, to whom *do we owe a debt?*
  7. Read **Romans 8:13**. According to Paul, what determines whether we ultimately die or live forever with Christ?
  8. Read **Romans 8:14**. What determines whether we are *sons of God* or not?
  9. Is Paul being sexist when he calls us *sons of God?*

10. What is Paul communicating by using that title?
11. Read **Romans 8:15**. In Rome, what did Pastor Dave say was true of an *adopted son*?
12. How should that make us feel about our adoption into God's family?
13. What does the word *Abba* tell us about the kind of relationship God wants to have with us?
14. Read **Romans 8:16**. How does Paul tell us we can know for sure if we are a child of God?
15. Have you tried this test yet in your own life?
16. Read **Romans 8:17**. According to this verse, what wonderful gifts are ours as *children of God*?
17. What must we be willing to do to receive these gifts?