

Sermon Discussion Questions

"How To Walk With The Spirit"

Romans 8:1-17

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Opener:

When you were young, who caused you to change your behavior by his or her influence? How so?

Questions: [The following questions are meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the selected text. Feel free to ask your group your own questions regarding the sermon or text.]

- 1. From verses 1-4, how would you explain the Gospel to someone who feels they are not "good" enough for God?
- 2. In verses 5-11, what does Paul say about the option Christians have in living their life?
- 3. From this passage, what roles do God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit play in setting people free?
- 4. What does it mean to be "led by the Spirit" (v 14)?

Application:

- 5. Who or what influences you most in the entertainment you enjoy? The clothes you wear? How you handle your affairs? Your values?
- 6. In what area is the struggle for the control of your life going to be fought ... and won or lost?

How does the Spirit help us gain control of our struggles? Give an example.

7. When unhealthy thoughts enter your mind, what have you found helpful in dealing with them?

What is the best part of being in the family of God?

8. What has the Holy Spirit recently done in you that gives you a reason to rejoice?

As a group, spend some time together in prayer. Participants may lift up thanksgiving for the gift of the Spirit and the difference he makes in our lives. Participants may also ask for God's help, to put to death the misdeeds of the body, by the Spirit. Go forth in confidence this week that God will answer your prayer, by the Spirit.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).