

**Suggested Discussion Questions for 5/1/2022 Message:
Life in the Spirit, pt 2 (Romans 8:12-17)**

1. John Stott writes: “The Christian life is essentially life in the Spirit, that is to say, a life that is animated, sustained, directed and enriched by the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, true Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, indeed impossible.” What evidence do you find to support this in our passage (and Romans 8 as a whole)?

2. To the best of your ability, looking at Romans 8, Galatians 5, and 1 John 2:15 through chapter 3, how would you explain the interrelationship of the flesh and the spirit?

3. Discuss the meaning and significance of the following statements from the message:

Salvation does not eradicate the flesh or its functions, but brings God’s presence and power to crush its domination.

Regeneration (new birth in Christ) does not change the nature of the flesh. It gives us potential for the Holy Spirit to control the flesh.

Along with Romans 8:13-14, how does the filling of the Holy Spirit relate to these statements (Eph. 5:17-18)?

4. Is it possible to be a son (or daughter) of God and not be led by the Spirit? (see v 14) What are the implications of that?

5. Verses 15-17 are quite mind-blowing when we consider the relationship it describes with the God of the universe. What stands out most to you?

6. What comes to your mind when you consider being “an heir of God and fellow heirs with Christ”? How/why does suffering enter that equation?

7. What in this passage would you like to discuss further?

8. What prayers for yourself form in your mind from this passage?