

# Virtual Communities - Life Group Guide

## Romans 8:5-11

### Walking in the Spirit

#### Read

Read Romans 8:1-17

#### Background

1. The first 17 verses are able the Holy Spirit working in the life of the believer

#### Outline

1. What does "living according to the flesh" mean?
  - a. Can you give some examples of when you have "lived according to the flesh"
2. What does "living according to the Spirit" mean?
  - a. Can you give some examples of when you have "lived according to the Spirit"
3. Why is it important to affirm that every Christian has the indwelling Holy Spirit?
  - a. See Ro 8:16, 17; 1 Pe 2:2; 1 Jo 5:1.
  - b. Why is it also important to affirm that every Christian should seek to experience more of the Spirit's power?
    - i. How would you respond (biblically) to a person who said that if you have not spoken in tongues, you do not have the Holy Spirit?
4. Do you agree that there are not two options for followers of Jesus? We either live according to the flesh or we live according to the Spirit?
5. What are the marks of the new birth? Give biblical support.
  - a. Likeness to God. - Eph 4:24; Col 3:10.
  - b. Likeness to Christ. - Ro 8:29; 2 Co 3:18; 1 Jo 3:2.
  - c. Knowledge of God. - Jer 24:7; Col 3:10.
  - d. Hatred of sin. - 1 Jo 3:9; 5:18.
  - e. Victory over the world. - 1 Jo 5:4.
  - f. Delight in God's law. - Ro 7:22
  - g. Faith in Christ. 1 Jo 5:1.
  - h. Righteousness. 1 Jo 2:29.
  - i. Brotherly love. 1 Jo 4:7..

#### Weekly Questions For One Another

- What is God saying to you in His Word, in the sermon, or in your walk with Him this week?
- Is there **one** challenge that you sense the Lord giving you at the moment?
- How can we as a group be part of giving you courage today?
- Is there **one** thing you would like prayer for?
- Is there **one** community issue that you know needs prayer?

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6. A professing Christian tells you, "I've tried to get into the Bible, but it bores me." How would you counsel them?
7. How (practically) can we develop a greater desire for heaven?
8. Which marks of the Spirit are most evident in your life? Which need more attention?

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