

# WEEK 14 | ROMANS 8:1-11

## ROMANS | THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S POWER

### OTHER HELPFUL PASSAGES.

The following passages may be helpful to you as you consider this text.

- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 14:15-31

### THEMES.

The overarching theme of Romans is the gospel—salvation through Jesus Christ. That is important to remember and keep in front of your group, because the letter is a theological masterpiece. But as with any work of art, each brush stroke's true beauty is best seen when the piece as a whole is realized. To that end, we will deal with many sub-themes, but remember that each one weaves together to give the “fullest, plainest and grandest statement of the gospel in the New Testament.”<sup>1</sup>

1. While we remain here, our sin nature will continue to plague us, but we don't battle alone. It's ruling power has been broken, and we are promised full and final deliverance eternally through Jesus Christ.
2. All who trust in Jesus Christ have been given the Holy Spirit, who frees us in Christ Jesus and empowers us to live a life marked by faithfulness.

### QUESTIONS.

Feel free use any, all, or none of these questions as you facilitate your group. Their purpose is to be an aid to you as you consider how to teach the implications of the week's Scriptures.

1. Did the Holy Spirit use last week's passage or sermon to convict, challenge, or encourage you in any way? Did he use it to confirm or answer a prayer in any way? If you're willing, share with the group.
2. Do you struggle with residual guilt and fear of impending doom for past sin? How does Romans 8:1 speak to you?
3. The Holy Spirit is referred to 21x in Romans 8. Look at some of his activity in vv. 1-11. How does the activity of the Holy Spirit strengthen you emotionally and spiritually?
4. How does gratitude to the Lord help you obey? How does confidence in the promises of God help you receive forgiveness?
5. Spirit-filled people walk (v. 4), think (vv. 5-8), and find their place of belonging (v. 9) thanks to the power and influence of the Holy Spirit. How does this type of Spirit-filled life differ from legalism or mere morality?

### PRAY TO CLOSE.

Ask yourselves:

1. Where do I need the Holy Spirit's help, comfort, correction, encouragement, etc.?
2. What would it look like for me to walk forward in the freedom provided by the Holy Spirit?

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<sup>1</sup> John R. W. Stott, *The Message of Romans: God's good news for the world*. (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1994), 19.