

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Right Living Means Tough Choices

Reading: Romans 8:1-17

Date: 23rd June 2024 (AM)

Introduction

Have you had any answers to prayer in the last week? Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord? Any encouragements from your Bible reading? Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

Bible Study

[Leaders, no questions suite every small group. Please adapt them to your own group]

Read Romans 8:1-17

1. Do you ever feel 'condemned'? How can you speak that central truth of v.1 to yourself and others in those situations?
2. What do you do with solitude? (if you ever get it!) What do you think about when there's nothing else to think about? How can the gospel change your thought-life? (v.5-8)
3. What does it mean to put sin to death? What active decisions might you take (this week?) to kill sin in your life and cultivate godly living? (v.12-13)

For further reading - '[Mortification of Sin](#)'

4. *"Adoption is the highest privilege that the gospel offers: higher even than justification."*
J.I. Packer, Knowing God

Discuss. How might you make the case for this being true? (v.14-17)

See also: Gal. 4:1-7, Eph. 1:3-10

5. How do the big truths in this passage - no condemnation, new life in the Spirit, adopted into God's family - encourage us to walk God's way? How does Grace motivate us to live for Jesus?

Prayer

What is one lesson, challenge or encouragement you will take away from this passage? Share it with the rest of the group and pray about it together.