

4X8 | SERMON STUDY | WEEK 1: WE COULDN'T, HE DID, WE CAN April 28, 2019

Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

Over the next four weeks, we will dive into Romans 8, one of the most life-changing chapters of the Bible. This week, we learned about the power of sin in our lives to condemn us and about God's power through the Holy Spirit to give us life and freedom. Consider reading Chapters 5-8 each day; they are God's love letters to you!

Read Romans 7:24-25. Condemnation is defined as "the expression of very strong disapproval" and attached to that definition are words like shame, guilt, dread, stuck, useless, hopeless, etc.

- How have you experienced condemnation in your life? Where did it come from?
- Has recognizing sin in your life caused you to gasp for spiritual air? If so, explain.
- In what ways has sin enslaved you? How has God freed you from sin?

Read Romans 8:1-4, Ezekiel 36:27, and Jeremiah 31:33. Although the power of sin and the lies of the enemy are powerful, there is no condemnation for those who belong to Jesus! The law points us to our need for God's grace. The Holy Spirit draws us to God, and even temptations can serve as opportunities to grow closer to God.

- How has the Holy Spirit pointed you to Jesus and drawn you closer to God?
- We can shush the Holy Spirit or be attentive to him. In what ways can you increase your capacity to hear his direction?
- What does your worship of God reveal about your understanding and experience of God's grace?
- We aren't just saved from sin but are also saved to do something with our lives. What is God calling you to do?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week (subscribe at tpcc.org/dailybiblereading).

Day One: Romans 7:24-25 | The power of sin.

Day Two: Romans 8:1-4 | The power of the Spirit.

Day Three: Romans 7:7 and 13 | So why all the rules?

Day Four: Ezekiel 36:27 and Jeremiah 31:33 | Written on the heart.

Day Five: Romans 8:1-4 | Our response to grace.