

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What do you think is the best part about being in the family of God?
2. Read Rom 8:12-17 and discuss the following:
 - a. What is the flesh? What does it mean to be indebted to it?
 - b. What does it mean to be led by the Spirit? How does that relate to the idea of the Spirit being a coach?
 - c. What's the difference between a scaredy-cat and a cry-baby?
 - d. As an heir of God, what do you inherit?
3. What's the significance of the word "Abba" (Rom 8:15)? Is this a difficult concept for you to embrace? Why is it so important that we embrace it?
4. English Puritan minister John Owen wrote, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you."
 - a. Even though God wants us to kill our sin, He understands that we'll struggle with sin for the rest of our earthly lives (1 John 1:8; Rom 7:18-20). What does it mean to kill our sin?
 - b. Why even bother struggling? Why not just give up (see Rom 6)?
 - c. How does sin kill us?
5. Discuss the following quote from the sermon: "The Spirit is not a tool that we wield, rather a person who wields us." How does the Spirit wield us to kill our sin? What's our role?

Break into gender groups to discuss the following:

6. Which unhealthy/unbiblical feelings do you have when you keep sinning in the same way?

- a. Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashamed | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaccepted and unloved by God's people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disconnected from God | <input type="checkbox"/> I have to make it up to God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty | <input type="checkbox"/> I have to do better for God to approve of me/love me/be close to me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justified | <input type="checkbox"/> Hopeless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blaming others | <input type="checkbox"/> It's not a big deal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need to run away | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unaccepted and unloved by God | |

- b. Read Romans 8:1,37-39 and 1 John 2:1-2. How do these verses help you resolve those feelings? What would be healthy, biblical feelings when we sin?

7. Spend time in prayer, thanking the Lord for the Spirit's work in our lives, and His love that frees us from our sin.

TEAM PLAYERS

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- I. We are **in debt**... Rom 7:24; 8:1-11
 - A. ...not to the **flesh**...
 - B. ...but to **Jesus**,
 - C. so, with the **Coach**, we **kill sin**. Pr 6:16-19; Zech 12:10;
Rom 7:21-24; I Cor 10:13-14;
Eph 3:14-16; 6:14-17; Phil 3:8;
I Thess 5:12-23; Heb 10:16-18;
I Pet 1:1-2
- II. We don't have to be **scaredy cats**, just big **cry-babies**. Matt 6:9; Mk 14:36
- III. We celebrate our **heirship**. Rom 8:37-39