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Discussion Guide | Why You Need God's Power in Your Life

This week, Pastor Chris continued our Romans 8 series by teaching about the power available to us through the Holy Spirit. Romans 8 reminds us that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead now lives in us. Because of that, we don't have to settle for a life of trying to fix things on our own—God's power is available to bring life to every area of our lives.

In Romans 8:5–13, Paul explains that there are two ways to live: according to the flesh or according to the Spirit. Living according to the flesh means allowing our human desires and instincts to control us, which leads to spiritual death and separation from God. But living according to the Spirit means setting our minds on the things of God and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and empower our lives.

Pastor Chris also reminded us that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. Through Jesus we receive grace, through the Father we experience love, and through the Holy Spirit we have daily fellowship and guidance. When we cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit, we experience the power of God working in our lives.

Make It Practical

- **Cultivate His presence.** We build a daily relationship with the Holy Spirit through prayer, worship, and spending time in God's Word. (Galatians 5:16; Galatians 5:25)
- **Listen to His voice.** The Holy Spirit encourages us, warns us, and directs us as we follow Him. (Isaiah 30:21; Romans 8:16)
- **Honor His presence.** We welcome the Holy Spirit by choosing obedience and putting to death the patterns of the flesh. (Romans 8:12–13; Ephesians 4:30)

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

ROMANS 8:11 (NIV)

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Talk About It

1. Where in your life do you most need the power of God to bring new life right now?
2. What are some ways the “flesh” tries to influence your thinking or decisions?
3. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit encouraging, warning, or directing you? What was that like?
4. Pastor Chris shared three ways to live a Spirit-empowered life: cultivate His presence, listen to His voice, and honor His presence. Which of these do you want to grow in most this week?

Prayer

God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to be with us every day. Thank you that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available in our lives today. Help us to cultivate your presence, listen to your voice, and honor you in the way we live. Teach us to rely on your Spirit instead of our own strength, and I ask that you bring life to every area of our hearts and lives. In Jesus Name. Amen.