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Community Group Discussion Guide

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Romans
Week 8 - Real Life
Romans 7

Introduction

The book of Romans is brilliant apologetic for the Christian faith. Know this book well and it will equip you to share your faith in Christ. The title for this series is taken from Paul's personal declaration of confidence in the gospel.

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

Questions for Study

1. Read Romans 7:1-25. This is challenging text. What questions does this text bring to mind? What are your initial observations?
2. Paul asks two questions, one in verse 7, and the other in verse 13. What were those questions and how would you summarize Paul's answer to them?
3. How does Paul describe the law in verses 10, 12, 13, 14?
4. How does the reality of Paul's Christian life and the struggles he talks about encourage you? How else did Paul describe himself in the Scriptures (see 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10; Ephesians 3:8)?
5. How is it both liberating and important to be able to talk about your own sin and at the same time to be certain of your forgiveness? Why are both aspects so important?
6. When you look into your own heart, what has the greatest potential to hold you back in your walk with Christ? What is the cure...where does Paul take us to (vs. 25), back to the law or to Christ? Said another way, what is the key to becoming more like Christ? Why is this critical to understand?
7. If you were sharing your faith with someone, what do you see Paul doing in this passage that might be helpful to you in sharing?
8. How does living in community and with accountability help a follower of Christ? Do you have these two things in your life? If not, what steps can you take? See James 5:16.
9. How has Romans 1-7 changed your love for Christ? How has your view of yourself changed? What verses in particular have shaped you?