



Grace Group Guide



United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...

- Scripture:** Be in the Word together
- Encouragement:** One another each other
- Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost
- Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!



-ICEBREAKER-

- What is something you don't necessarily enjoy doing but know you must do?
 - **Possible answers:** Working out, homework, reading, mowing, or anything that you must do but you would prefer not to.
- Do we view the process of sanctification this way? If so, should we?
 - Often we do view sanctification as an inconvenience... as something we don't want to do/enjoy doing but need to anyways.
 - While there may be some truth to this, we must also remember that sanctification is a blessing! Sanctification is the Father showing his love to us by purifying us through the Spirit.

Transition: Last week we began the new sermon series on the Holy Spirit. We discussed whether we, as believers, recognize the significance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we look at this week's sermon, we will be reflecting on the process of sanctification through the Holy Spirit. Let us look at this week's sermon and how **the Spirit nurtures holiness.**

-DISCUSSION-

Read Romans 8:1-17

- What does this passage teach us about the role of the Spirit in the Christian life?
 - The Holy Spirit has set us free from the law of sin and death (v. 1-2)
 - We are to live according to the Spirit (v. 4)
 - Our minds are to be set on and governed by the Spirit. (v. 5-7)
 - The Spirit lives in us (vv. 9-11)
 - The Spirit leads us (v. 14)
 - The Spirit brings about our adoption into God's family (vv. 14-17)
- What does it mean and look like to walk in the Spirit?
 - It means having an identity as a child of God. (v. 14-17)
 - We are set free from our sin and death. (v. 2)
- How does all of this relate to sanctification?
 - **Leader Note:** If you were in the service already, think about how these verses relate to Kip's distinction between positional, progressive, and perfect sanctification.

If you have time, read through the rest of Romans 8 as a group. As you read, reflect on what this chapter says and notice how it emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Then, try to summarize the chapter in one or two sentences.

-REFLECTION-

- Do we live by setting our minds on the desires of the Spirit? Why is this difficult for us?
- Do we live as though we are obligated to walk in a process of sanctification? Do we take this obligation seriously? Why or why not?
- Why is becoming holy, or the process of progressive sanctification, important?
 - **Possible Answers:**
 - Holiness is the absence of sin; therefore, God cannot or will not dwell amongst sin. He requires us to be made holy in Him for a proper relationship with Him.
 - God calls his people to reflect himself: "Be holy, because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16)
 - God understands that holiness is, in fact, the best way of living and understands that, when we live in holiness, we have true identity. (Rom. 8:14-17)

-APPLICATION-

- In the service, Kip talked about the different "inputs" we have in our lives... different voices/noises in our lives. What inputs do you have in your life? Think about the list below:
 - Social media, podcasts, gaming, music, movies, people
- These things are not inherently bad, but do any of these take priority over the Holy Spirit in your life?
 - If so, what changes can you make to decrease some of these inputs and listen to the Holy Spirit instead?
- Take time this week to pray and ask God to help you surrender every area of your life to Him so that, through the Holy Spirit, you can grow in holiness in all of these areas.

-PRAY-

- Lord, thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit to guide, teach, and correct us. We pray that we would surrender fully to the process of sanctification that the Holy Spirit has begun in us.
- Lord, we long for the day of glorification when we will be made right in you. Until that day, continue to humble us so that you may work in our hearts for your glory.