

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans

Speaker: Jay Haugh

Message: The Proofs of the Believer's Security

Date: 07/26/2026

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: God has given proofs we are secure in Christ and a certainty of glory to come.

Read Romans 8:12-25

1. Because of the Holy Spirit, we are not obligated to live according to the flesh (v 12). Why can old habits be hard to break? What old habits do you need to remind yourself that you do not need to live that way anymore? What act of defiance can you take this week against the flesh that would reflect living in alignment with the Spirit instead?
2. The Holy Spirit helps put to death the deeds of the flesh (v 13). What does it actually mean to put to death sinful patterns rather than manage or excuse them? Why is this something done by the Spirit instead of sheer willpower? What practical habits help you rely on the Spirit when temptation hits?
3. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God (v 14). How should being led by the Spirit shape your daily decisions and priorities? How do you discern the difference between your own thoughts and the Spirit's leading? How does knowing you are God's child steady you when you feel uncertain or insecure?



HOSPITALITY



MOVEMENT



CONTRIBUTE



COMMITMENT



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES



SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

4. We have not received a spirit of fear, but the Spirit of adoption, where we get to call out to God as our father (v 15). What fears tend to dominate your mind? Do you share these with God or trusted friends? What specific fear do you need to surrender to God right now? How does the Spirit replace fear with confidence and closeness?
5. As God's children, we are heirs with Christ, sharing in both suffering and glory (v 17). We like the idea of sharing in His glory, but we often try to skip the suffering. How have you seen God use hardship to deepen your dependence on Him? How does knowing your identity as an heir help you reframe the hardship you experience?
6. Present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed (v 18). It can be hard in the moment, but how does recognizing that all suffering is temporary provide you hope? What does a joyful, expectant attitude in suffering look like? How can doing this point others to Christ?
7. Creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the children of God and for its own liberation (vv 19-21). In what ways do we sometimes treat salvation as only something that relates to my personal spirituality and not restoration of the cosmos? What does this reveal about the scope of the curse and God's redemption plan? Where do you see the brokenness of creation most clearly in our world today?
8. We are saved in hope and wait patiently for what we do not yet see (vv 24-25). Is faith ever difficult for you because of its partly invisible nature? What is the difference between optimism and biblical hope? Why does real hope require patience? How is God using your current waiting season to strengthen your faith?



HOSPITALITY



MOVEMENT



CONTRIBUTE



COMMITMENT



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES



SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP