

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Dec 31, 2023

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Revolutionary Reliance on Jesus

(Rom 7:14-8:2, Gal 5:22-23)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Rom 7:14-8:2, Gal 5:22-23.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Howard's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How successful are you typically in moving forward in areas you long to grow in?

When addressing areas where you desire change, how reliant are you on yourself versus on Jesus?

What does this look like when you rely more on yourself?

What does this look like when you rely more on Jesus?

If we should be more empowered to rely on God after accepting Christ as our savior, why might it sometimes seem like this is not the case?

When you find yourself addressing areas of your life where you long for improvement, how encouraged or discouraged do you feel about the task at hand?

What shapes either of these emotional responses and if you long for a different reality, what could a different course of action look like?

When have you been successful in relying more fully on Jesus to address an area of resolve in your own life? Share a little bit about this experience.

As you journey with Christ, are you experiencing a growing sense of freedom from sin? Whether yes or no, share how you feel about this.

Within our struggles, Paul encourages us in Rom 8:1 to experience freedom from condemnation.

How fully are you experiencing this freedom?

In the midst of our struggles, Paul reminds us of the work and fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23).

How fully are you experiencing these fruits (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control)?

What could it look like to more fully enjoy these fruits that God longs for us to experience – even amidst our struggles?

Pastor Howard addressed how there is a role that we play (though much smaller than we often take on) in addressing our resolutions.

How do you find the right balance in figuring out the role you play verses the role God plays?

If you need to give up a much larger portion of control to God, what could this look like?

If there is a particular area of struggle in your life today and you're comfortable sharing with the group, spend a few minutes talking about what it could look like to rely more fully on Jesus in this struggle.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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