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Week 24 – “Him in Us: Part 1” (Rom. 8:9-17)

Introduction:

Romans 8:1-9 (Us in God)
Romans 8:10-27 (God in Us)
Romans 8:28-39 (God for us)

God in Us (Part 1)

Romans 8:10-11 – Christ...in you / Spirit who raised Jesus...in you / Spirit...in you

Romans 8:12-13 – Our obligation: Let the Spirit be Himself in us
- see also 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Romans 8:14-17 – Four Practical Benefits of the Spirit in Us

1. Everyday _____ from God (vs. 14)
2. Everyday _____ from fear (vs. 15)
3. Everyday _____ of salvation (vs. 16)
4. Everyday _____ with Christ (vs. 17)

The Big Idea:

Jesus IS the Christian life (Christ in you, the hope of glory...Colossians 1:27). There are no short-cuts to cultivating a sense of God's leading. Practice His presence. Stay in close fellowship with believers. Listen for His voice through the Bible.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. When you think about the phrase, "the power of the Holy Spirit," what thoughts, questions, images or ideas come to your mind?

Ponderings:

2. God's Word promises that the Spirit will lead His children. Are you able to share a specific example of the Spirit leading you recently? How did He do it? What was the result? How was your faith stretched/strengthened?
3. How do we cultivate an "ear to hear" God's leading? What are the ways in which the Spirit might speak to or lead His people in today's world?
4. God's Word assures us that the Spirit wants to free us from fear (Rom. 8:15; 2 Tim. 2:7). How is it that we can cooperate with His desire to do this in our lives? Try to be as specific as possible...
5. God's Word says that the Spirit's job is to bring assurance to our spirit that we are indeed God's children (Rom. 8:16). Last weekend we discussed the importance of assurance of salvation. By way of review, why is this assurance so integral to living a God-worshiping life?
6. God's Word repeatedly affirms our intimate union with Christ (Rom. 8:17). How is it possible to experience intimacy with a God you cannot see with your naked eye or hear with your natural ear? Explain...

Promptings:

7. Do you long for more of the Spirit's power in your life? If so, what do you mean by that? If it were true that the power of the Holy Spirit is already available to you 24/7, how might you more consciously express and rely upon that power?