

Community Group Discussion Guide

May 4, 2014

Intimacy with God Week 2 Romans 8:15, 16

Read Romans 8:12-16 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

Read the book of Romans and you'll see that Paul spends the first six chapters explaining our need of God's grace and how this need is met through Christ. It's in the 8th chapter that he begins unpacking the difference this makes in our daily lives. And it's not until we get to this 8th chapter that the Holy Spirit is mentioned. What we discover is the key part he plays in how we live the new life that's ours in Christ.

Questions for Study

- 1. Looking back over your experience as a follower of Christ, what would you say was your first impression of who the Holy Spirit is and what he does?
- 2. Take a few minutes to write down what you would say is the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian.

- 3. When you read a set of verses like the verses in this week's study, what comes to your mind when you hear that we're God's children?
- 4. What significant benefit (for lack of a better word) do these verses emphasize?
- 5. How can the truth of these verses impact your own prayer?
- 6. Sunday's sermon focuses on the intimacy with God that's inherent in our privilege to call God "Abba, Father." What can you do to build the intimacy that's yours with God?