



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Game Changer – Part 2 PARTICIPANT GUIDE (Online or Regular)

ICE BREAKER:

- Have you ever wanted to attend two events that were happening simultaneously? How did you choose between the two?

MAIN POINT: God's greatest work is IN us, not around us.

Passage(s) to Read: **Romans 8:1-14**

Passage Summary: *Paul switches from the defeats of Chapter 7 to the victories of Chapter 8 with the word "Therefore ..." These victories are won for us by Christ and experienced in us through the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit. Christian victory occurs as we learn to walk in the Spirit..*

DISCUSSION:

1. Read verses 2-3, paying close attention to the use of the word *law*. Until now, Paul has been talking about the law of Moses. Here he introduces a new law - the law of the Spirit of life. What are some differences between these two laws?
2. In verses 5-8, We read that those who "*live according to the flesh, think about the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, think about the things of the Spirit*". Talk about some ways we are tempted to set our minds on things of the flesh vs. the spirit.
3. What are some practical ways we can keep our minds on the things of the Spirit instead of the flesh?
4. Verses 9-10 tells us that, "The Spirit of God lives in us". How then is it so easy for us to fall into sinful patterns?
5. Matt talked about fellowship with the Spirit as a counter to 'religion' or self-improvement. What are some popular self-help methods that people turn to?
6. What are some aspects of our lives that if we lived out with the spirit, could show a contrast vs. the life of religion and self-help?

STEPS OF OBEDIENCE

What step is God asking you to take in light of what we've learned from this series so far? Share it with the group and commit to taking that step.

PRAYER TIME

- If anyone in the group has a special prayer request, make sure that is shared with the group.