### **Sermon Outline**

### **Key verses**

Romans 8: 12-17

### Main idea

## Freedom In the Spirit

condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. (2) And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving

'(1) So now there is no

- him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.
- (3) The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So, God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.
- (4) He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.
- (5) Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.
- (6) So, letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 8:1-6 NLT

# FREEDOM FROM ISOLATION

NOVEMBER 24TH DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **Opening Thought**

We all have something in our past / present that we are ashamed about. These things can isolate us, or Christ can set us free.

#### Ice breakers

- What's the most important thing you've learned from a failure?
- What's one thing you wish people knew about you?

## **Dig Deeper**

- Read Galatians 6:1-3 What is Paul getting at here?
- If you are overcome by a particular sin, would you be brave enough to share it?
- Has a particular sin ever made you feel isolated?
- If we cut out the pettiness of what people think we ought to be, and focused on following the Spirit, how would that affect the way we go about life?
- Read Romans 8: 10-11 If this is true, stop making excuses why you can't put to death the dictates of the flesh.
- Read Romans 8: 12-17 Discuss what it means to no longer be obligated to do what the sinful nature desires.
- Read Psalm 51 Look at King Davids repentant heart.
  Learn from this that even the greatest of men fall.
- There is grace upon grace upon grace. Why does that matter?
- Can you out sin the grace of God? Answer: NO.

# Closing

Jesus calls us to freedom from what our sinful nature dictates. Only through the shed blood of Jesus on the cross do we have victory over our sin. The sin that we so desperately cling to should be nailed to the cross. God gives us his wonderful matchless grace that we need every day. Live in freedom from legalistic bondage and sin.

Remember: Sin Isolates, God Sets Free.

Grace and peace be with you.