

THEREFORE

Eight Weeks in Romans Eight



The Greatest Chapter on Earth

THIS AIN'T HUGH JACKMAN'S VERSION OF THE GREATEST THINGS

In December 2017, a box office musical featuring Hugh Jackman, Zendaya, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, and many others took the country by storm. It was the telling of P.T. Barnum's rise to fame and the circus, and people, that got him there. The movie and songs claimed this was the greatest show on earth.

The book of Romans is by no means a show, but chapter 8 of Romans certainly is known as the greatest chapter in the Bible... probably the greatest chapter in all of literature. Many pastors, teachers, and theologians have made this claim, even at the risk of being contradicted.

Whether or not it is the "greatest" chapter, it certainly is a theologically and formatively rich chapter for the Christian. Over the next eight weeks, our church and Life Groups will journey through this chapter to see just how good our God is and our place in His story.

Schedule & Announcements

JAN 9 - FEB 27 | SERIES
JAN 13 - MAR 3 | CURRICULUM

ADULT MINISTRIES |

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
SUN, TUES, WED - JAN-MAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
THURS - FEB

PLAYDATES FOR MOMS
FRI - JAN-MAY

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No Condemnation

ROMANS 8:1-4

Before reading Scripture, see if the group can briefly summarize the first seven chapters of Romans, so that the group can properly situate themselves in Romans 8.

Read Romans 8:1-10

What does the word "Therefore" in verse 1 indicate? Why is that important to this section?

What does it mean that there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus?

Why is it important that there is no condemnation for Christians?

What does it mean that a person is in Christ? What is the practical implication(s) for the person who is set free from the law of sin and of death (v2)?

Paul makes the claim that the Law could not set humanity free because it was weakened by the flesh. Why is that an important aspect to understanding our faith and the Bible?

In what ways have you found yourself trying to justify yourself to God in a fleshly (or self-willed) manner? How has that worked out? What have you learned from that experience?

What does it mean that Jesus was "in the likeness of sinful flesh"? Why is that important?

In what ways have you felt condemned this week? How have you dealt with these feelings?

How does a person walk according to the flesh? How about the Spirit?

Why is it important to know the difference between the two? How do you seek to walk by the Spirit?

The Tension of Flesh & Spirit

ROMANS 8:5-10

What types of people are listed in verse 5?

What does it mean to set your mind on the things of the flesh? (There are four things listed in verses 7-8 that correspond with this question).

How have you seen that displayed in your life or the lives of people around you?

What does it mean to set your mind on the things of the Spirit?

How have you seen that displayed in your life or the lives of the people around you?

What is the primary characteristic of those who set their mind on the Spirit (verse 6)?

In recent memory and experience, how does peace reign in your life as you have sought to set your mind on the Spirit?

Can a genuine Christian NOT have the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

Consider a recent time where your flesh and the Spirit were at war. How did you seek the Spirit's empowerment/help to combat walking by the flesh?

Who has modeled walking by the Spirit well in your life? What have you learned from them for your own spiritual journey?

"There is no condemnation for those who have been joined to Jesus Christ by God the Father through the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit."

- James Montgomery Boice