

## Community Group Discussion Questions

---

### “Resurrection Life”

#### Romans 8:1-11

**Sermon Series Title:** “Resurrection Applied”

**Sermon Series Summary:** As we gear up for Easter Sunday, we’ll take four weeks looking at the power and beauty of the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection isn’t just for our past or future. The resurrection is here and now in and through us.

**Passage Setting:** Romans is seen as one of the greatest works of theology. In it, we have the foundations for the gospel, history, and Calvinism. Chapters 1-8 cover the theology of our salvation. Chapters 9-11 cover the history of our salvation. Chapters 12-16 talk about the application of our salvation. Our passage is the victorious end of the theological section in this letter.

**Summary:** We are starting our 4-part “Resurrection Applied” sermon series in Romans 8. After the struggle of spirit and flesh in Romans 7, we see this chapter talking about our justification in Christ. Then, Paul moves towards the mind and life in the Spirit, culminating in the resurrection. This is possible through Christ, who was condemned and fulfilled the law through His person and work.

**Central Truth:** *“Christ was condemned, so we may be set free. Christ died, so we can truly live in the Spirit.”*

**Sermon Points:**

1. The Sentence
2. The Setting
3. The Spirit
4. The Savior

**Opening Question:**

1. The church talks about the importance of the cross often. What are some reasons that the resurrection is important for our Christian faith?

*(Answers may vary.)*

*It means victory over the grave. It is evidence that Jesus is the Messiah and that His work has been accepted on our behalf. We also see that it secured our resurrection in*

## Community Group Discussion Questions

---

*the future. New creation has been secured. Not only that, we know that through His resurrection, our hearts are resurrected now in Christ.)*

***We are starting our 4-part “Resurrection Applied” sermon series in Romans 8. We will look at this chapter until Easter Sunday.***

1. What are the ways we condemn ourselves today?

*(Answers may vary.*

*We could feel condemned because of our sin. We have broken the law of God and have broken His heart. We could feel condemned because of our shame. Guilt comes when we have broken God’s law. Shame comes when we feel we are broken ourselves. We could feel condemned because of our failure to meet people’s standards. We could feel condemned because we have not met the expectations we have placed on ourselves as a child, parent, brother, sister, friend, and family member. We could feel condemned because people have sinned against us, and somehow others’ sins against us have felt like a part of us.)*

2. What are the ways we set our minds on the flesh? What are the ways we set our minds on the Spirit?

*(Answers may vary.*

*Flesh- sin, idolatries, lusts of the flesh, pseudo-saviors, self-salvation/kingdom/centeredness*

*Spirit- things of God, Scripture, Christ- John 14)*

3. What does it mean to you that Christ has set us free?

*(Answers may vary.*

*We are able to not sin. We are able to glorify God and enjoy His presence. We are able to walk in His ways and truly love. We don’t love God to receive anything. We love God to love God. We love others, because we have been so loved. We are free from sin and shame. We are free from the chains of people’s expectations and our own condemnation. We are free from the power of sin to obey and worship.)*

## Community Group Discussion Questions

---

***Final Thoughts:*** *In our passage, we see the Resurrection Life. The Resurrection Life is one that is no longer condemned. It's one whose mind is set on the things of the Spirit. It's one that is united to Jesus and has the indwelling of the Spirit. It is one that has been set free in Christ. Are we living the Resurrection Life?*