



The Deep End wk5: Life Through the Spirit

Introduction: Sometimes it is hard to know if something is having the desired effect, especially when we can't see it working. God has promised us not only new life in Jesus for salvation, but a transformation in this life. That transformation takes time though, so how do we know it's happening? Will it happen on it's own?

Discussion Questions

1. What's the difference between before and after pictures of a kitchen remodel and someone who has been on a diet? How do you know if a product that you can't actually see working, is working (things like medicine)?
2. Read **Romans 8:1-4** What was the law powerless to do? What does he mean there is no condemnation for those who are "in Christ Jesus?"
3. In the sermon, Jeremy talked about a parallel between what Jesus is doing for Christians/the Church and what God did for Israel in the Exodus. Is that a stretch or does that make sense to you? What parts are similar or different?
4. Read **Romans 8:5-8** How can you know that your mind is being led by the Holy Spirit? If it's not, how do you let the Holy Spirit lead?
5. Read **Romans 8:26-28** Is this encouraging for the times that you don't know how to pray? How are we "more than conquerors," even when things might look grim?
6. Read Romans 8:31-39 This is a beloved set of verses, why? How does the Holy Spirit working in us remind us of God's promises? How can you tell if the Holy Spirit is working in you?

Shaping Your Mind – *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? – Romans 8:31*

Moving Forward – If you are in Christ, no one and no thing can take you away from him!