

THE BLUEPRINT:

BUILDING A FRAMEWORK THAT'S
GROUNDED IN THE GOSPEL

Discussion Guide

May 2, 2021

Blueprint: Week 4

ICE BREAKER: Would you rather go back in time at least 150 years to visit your ancestors or go forward in time to visit your great great grandchildren? Why?

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURAL TEXT:

- Read: Romans [Chapter 7](#) and Romans [Chapter 8:1-11](#).

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

- What initially grabs your attention the most in the passage this week? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

- In [Romans 7:1-3](#), is Paul trying to teach on marriage and adultery? What is the comparison he starts to make in verse 4 and what is his main point?
- Based on [Romans 7:1-6](#), Pastor Mike referred to a 2nd spiritual marriage and, according to [Romans 7:4](#), Paul says "we are bound to another". Who is that "other" and what is the result of that relationship? What are some of the examples of fruit in your own life?
- Does the law cause us to sin or reveal our sin? Why is it important to understand the difference? Is the Law good? Why or why not?
- Throughout [Romans 7](#), Paul references "God's Law (the law of the mind)" and "the law of sin". What's the difference? Why are they at battle or at odds with each other? How do we resolve this conflict?
- Pastor Mike talked about the difference between the inside of a stone being bone dry when the outside is soaking wet and compared this to the human condition; stating that we often try to modify our behavior without first having a new inside or "heart transplant". Can you relate to this analogy? Why is lasting change always from the inside out?

- After spending a lot of time in Chapter 7 describing the raging war between the 2 laws at work within us, Paul starts Chapter 8 with “there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”. What does that show about the character of God? Why is this important?
- In [Romans 8:1-11](#), Paul mentions several times the idea of “living according to the spirit”. Is this the Holy Spirit? What does living according to the spirit look like in practical terms (day-to-day)? Does the “spirit” communicate or talk to us?
- According to [Romans 8: 9-10](#), is it possible to belong to Christ and not be “filled with the spirit”. Why or why not?

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

- What is one thing you hear God telling you as a result of this week’s sermon?
- Is there anything you need to do differently (or not do) as a result of what you are hearing?
- How can the small group or an accountability partner support you in this?