

New Life

Person to person

Opportunity to share experiences

Family Declaration

Person to God

Praise and worship

God to person

Romans 8: 12 – 17

1. As a group read out loud the above mentioned Scripture
2. Personal quiet time – reflect while reading the passages on what you feel God is sharing with you
3. Share with each other what you feel God told you
4. Discuss:

- Debt is a serious problem in our world; would you agree: when in debt it dominates the mind.
- What constitutes the Christian core?
- Any connection between our core and the core of the Old Testament people of Israel; Hosea 11:1,2 - When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt. But the more I called to him, the farther he moved from me.
- How should our Christian core affect our personal lives?
- Interesting to watch children imitate adults; sadly the reverse is also sometimes true.
- How would life be different when we live the core truth of our reading?

Family to neighbor – God sends us to serve and to be His witnesses (Matthew 28:19, 20)

- Prayer requests
- People who need our involvement
- Taking care of each other

PRAYER DIARY

Date	Person/situation	Answer
1.	3.	
2.	4.	

Romans 8: 12 – 17 NRSV

So then, brothers and sisters, we are *debtors*, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Message

¹²⁻¹⁴ So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!