

5. Romans 8 is a wonderfully encouraging explanation of the gift of the Spirit in the life of a believer. Read through Romans 8:1-27 and make note of what this chapter is teach us so far about the Holy Spirit.

- The Spirit of Life sets us \_\_\_\_\_ from the law of sin and death (v. 2).
- The Holy Spirit helps you \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous requirement of the law (v. 4).
- The Holy Spirit gives \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6).
- By the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, God will \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead (v. 11).
- The Holy Spirit helps you \_\_\_\_\_ the deeds of the body (v. 13).
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the sons of God (v. 14).
- The Holy Spirit in us causes us to cry \_\_\_\_\_ to God (v. 15).
- The Holy Spirit bears witness in us that we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 16).
- The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ and guarantee of our final redemption (v. 23).
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us in our weakness (v. 26).
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ for us with wordless groanings (v. 26).
- The Holy Spirit intercedes \_\_\_\_\_ for the saints (v. 27).

## “You’re on God’s Prayer List”

*Romans 8:26-27*

### Four Words to Help Understand the Spirit Praying. . .

- We need to examine the word “likewise.”
- We need to examine the word “weakness.”
- We need to examine the word “intercedes.”
- We need to examine the word “searches.”

### Three Encouragements from the Spirit Praying. . .

- This is no situation that can derail prayer for our lives.
- There is no situation for which you pray in which you will not be covered in prayer.
- There is no situation in our lives in which God’s will will not be accomplished.

**Community Group Discussion**  
*For the Week of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

1. Read Romans 12:2. What does Paul tell us that we should seek to discern?
  - a. What is the connection between the phrase that is repeated in Romans 8:27?
  - b. Do you ever find yourself praying that God will act according to your will, without really seeking His will?
  - c. Has there ever been a time where you struggled, because God did not answer your prayer the way you hoped? Share your example.
2. True or False: Our lack of prayer is less an issue of personal discipline and more a lack of feeling our need. Discuss your choice.
3. When was the last time you were made aware of your weakness and came to the end of yourself?
  - a. Is it easier or harder to pray when you know you are weak? Why do you think that is?
  - b. Consider the following from Tim Keller: “When life is going smoothly, and our truest heart treasures seem safe, it does not occur to us to pray.” Why is recognizing our own weakness such an important step to finding hope?
4. What is one practical step you can take to improve your prayer life? Make a list as a group. As your group closes, pick something from the list and put it into practice in your closing prayer time.