

THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE:

As preached on Sunday, May 25th

Read: Romans 8 (focus: vv. 5-11)

1. In our journey through Romans 8, what have you learned so far? How are you responding with your heart? Have you sensed God inviting you towards a next step?
2. Romans 8:5-8 compares being in relationship with either Sin or the Spirit—the mindset *against* God or the *inclination* for God. How have you experienced being ‘in the realm of God’s Spirit’?
3. Read Galatians 5:16-26 (a parallel passage). How do you know that you are exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit? How does community effect our experience of God’s Spirit?
4. What does this quote mean to you? “You are what you love and you love what you practice” (James K. A. Smith). How does this idea relate to Romans 8:5-8?
5. Read Romans 8:9-11. We are both in the Spirit, and the Spirit is in us. Why do you think these truths are so important and how do they relate to one another?
6. Read 1 John 4:7-19. How do these verses help us understand Romans 8:9-11?
7. In the old testament, the tabernacle was a signpost to God’s realm. In the new testament, Paul says that God now tabernacles (dwells) in us, therefore, we are now signposts. What does this mean to be a signpost to God’s realm?
8. How do you sense God empowering you, in Christ, through the Spirit, to be a signpost this week?