

life groups

NorthStar Church

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Misunderstood, week 1
Romans 8
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Main Idea

If we are willing to yield to the Holy Spirit, He will help us with our identity, sufferings and weaknesses. The Holy Spirit can help to show us who we are, infuse us with joy, peace, and His presence. The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray and will pray on our behalf.

Study

The title of this sermon series is “Misunderstood”. Tell your group about a time that a misunderstanding had funny consequences. Have you ever had a misunderstanding leave a hole in a relationship? Pastor explained to us that for a long time Martin Luther misunderstood what the church was until he was enlightened by reading Romans 8.

This week our pastors walked us through the three primary things the Holy Spirit helps us with as outlined in chapter 8 of Romans. Read the following passages associated with each item, then discuss each one in your group.

Our Identity (v. 14-17) Many people today struggle with an identity crisis. Where have you tried to find your identity? What type of labels do you give yourself? As a Christ follower, our identity is found in 2 things: we are a child of God, and we are an heir of God.

Our Sufferings (v. 18, 22-25) We have all suffered. It may have been the loss of a loved one, a broken home, disease or depression. But hope, a confident expectation, comes directly from the Holy Spirit within us. Tell about a time the Holy Spirit has comforted you through a suffering.

Our Weakness (v. 26-28) Have you ever felt so weak physically, spiritually or emotionally that you didn't even know what to pray for or how to pray? Or maybe didn't even have the energy to pray? The Holy Spirit intercedes for us. He can search our hearts and know what we need. He hears our groanings and responds. All we need to do is yield to the Holy Spirit. If we keep in step with Him we are promised His help. It really is that simple.

Prayer

Pray for each other in your group and their various requests. Specifically pray for our hearts to yield to the Holy Spirit.