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UNDERSTANDING YOUR **STUDY GUIDE**

Here is a brief explanation of the features of this study guide.

LOOKING AHEAD/CATCHING UP: You will open each meeting with an opportunity for everyone to check in with each other about how you are doing with the weekly assignments. Accountability is a key to success in this study!

KEY VERSE: Each week you will find a key verse or Scripture passage for your group to read together. If someone in the group has a different translation, ask them to read it aloud so the group can get a bigger picture of the meaning of the passage.

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VIDEO LESSON: There is a video lesson for the group to watch together each week. Fill in the blanks in the lesson outlines as you watch the video, and be sure to refer back to these outlines during your discussion time.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS: Each video segment is complemented by several questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. There is no reason to rush through the answers. Give everyone ample opportunity to share their thoughts. If you don't get through all of the discussion questions, that's okay.

LIVING ON PURPOSE: In his book, *The Purpose Driven® Life*, Rick Warren identifies God's five purposes for our lives. They are worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. We will focus on one of these purposes in each lesson, and discuss how they relate to the subject of the study. This section is very important, so please be sure to leave time for it.

PRAYER DIRECTION: At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

A Tip for the Host

The study guide material is meant to be your servant, not your master. The point is not to race through the sessions; the point is to take time to let God work in your lives. Nor is it necessary to “go around the circle” before you move on to the next question. Give people the freedom to speak, but don’t insist on it. Your group will enjoy deeper, more open sharing and discussion if people don’t feel pressured to speak up.



HOW TO USE THIS VIDEO CURRICULUM

Follow these simple steps for a successful small group meeting:

- Open your group meeting by using the **Looking Ahead** or **Catching Up** sections of your study guide.
- Watch the video lesson together and follow along in the outlines in this study guide. Each video lesson is about fifteen minutes long.
- Complete the rest of the discussion materials for each session. Be sure to review the **Living on Purpose** and commit to fulfilling any assignments before your next session.
- Close your time together by following the **Prayer Direction** suggestions.



SESSION 1: NO CONDEMNATION!

ROMANS 8:1–4a

Looking Ahead

1. Take some time to go around the circle and get to know each other.
2. Are there any verses in Romans 8 that have been especially meaningful to you in your Christian walk?

Key Verse

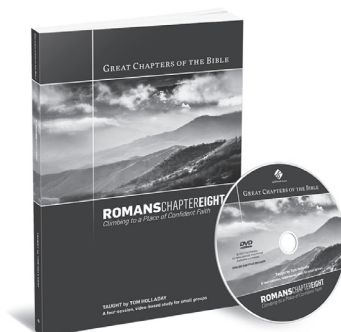
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ROMANS 8:1 (NIV)

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Romans 8:1–4a

Bible Study

Watch the video lesson now and take notes in the outline. Refer back to the outline during your group discussion.



NO CONDEMNATION!

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| We feel . . . | God says . . . | We have . . . |
| I'm not good enough | No condemnation | Liberty |
| I'm never going to change | No frustration | Victory |
| Life is too hard | No desperation | Expectancy |
| No one cares about me | No separation | Security |

How do you deal with the “I’m not good enough” feeling:

You trust God’s _____ .

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ROMANS 8:1 (NIV)

1. God is not _____ with you.

¹³As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. PSALM 103:13–14 (NIV)

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Romans 8:1-4a

2. God does not _____ you.

¹⁰He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, ¹¹for his mercy toward those who fear and honor him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹²He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west.

PSALM 103:10-12 (TLB)

3. God does not _____ you.

For the LORD will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance. PSALM 94:14 (NIV)

4. God does not _____
from you.

Who is this promised to?

ALL who are _____

***In Christ,** God has given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.* EPHESIANS 1:3 (NCV, emphasis added)

You trust God's _____ .

God's simple three part process:

- You _____ !
- God _____ !
- Here's _____ !

²Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, ⁴in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us . . .

ROMANS 8:2-4a (NIV)

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The law of the _____

OVERCOMES

The law of _____

Discovery Questions

1. Verse 1: Which of these promises for the believer hits you at the deepest level ?

God is not angry

God does not punish

God does not reject

God does not remove his blessings

2. Verse 1: Do you ever feel like God is angry with you or out to punish you? Is it difficult in any way to accept the truth that there is no condemnation for us as believers in Jesus?

3. Verse 1: What does it mean to you to be “in Christ?”

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Romans 8:1-4a

4. Verses 2-4: Do you ever find yourself trying to do through some “law” or “rule” what can only be done through Jesus?

Living on Purpose

EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP, MINISTRY, AND WORSHIP

Evangelism & Fellowship: Who do you know that needs to be encouraged with the truth of “no condemnation” right now? It might be someone who has not yet trusted in Christ’s forgiveness who needs to know they can live a life of no condemnation, or it might be a believer who has gotten caught up in condemning themselves. Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share this message with someone this next week. This is good news worth passing on!

Prayer Direction

Ask for prayer requests from each person in the group that you can pray for during this study. As you pray, remember to thank God for the gift of “no condemnation” that he gives us through Christ.

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