

## Drawing Near--Week 6 "God's Power Inside Us"

1.) When you think about your relationship with God, how would you describe what you're experiencing right now? (Some of these could be examples of how you're feeling)

Growing	Frustrated	Couldn't live without him
Disappointing	Fulfilled	Keeping things fresh
Forgiven	Hypocritical	Shameful
Struggling	Stuck	Painful
Defeated	Full of joy	Mediocre
Up and down	Exciting	Going through the motions
Discouraged	Empty	He and I are tight

**Here's our main theme for today:** God has offered us power to live out this life with Him. But we have a choice: are we going to use God's power or try to use our own power to live? This power is called the Holy Spirit--God himself living inside of everyone who belongs to Jesus.

*Read Romans 8:1-17.*

2.) What do you think this passage is saying?

*-What kinds of people have the Holy Spirit?*

*-How does this passage characterize life without the Holy Spirit?*

3.) What does this have to do with what we said earlier, that we have a choice whether we're going to use God's power or our own power to overcome sin?

*-If these people have the Holy Spirit, why does the writer command them to "live according to the Spirit" in verse 12? What's the difference between having the Spirit and living according to the Spirit?*

*-Why might people not want to live according to the Spirit?*

*Read Galatians 5:13-26.*

4.) What do you think this passage is saying?

*-What does it mean to walk by the Spirit (verse 16) and to keep in step with the Spirit (verse 25)?*

5.) What does this have to do with what we said earlier, that we have a choice whether we're going to use God's power or our own power to overcome sin?

*-Verse 17 says the Spirit and sinful nature are in conflict...Have you ever felt this conflict?*

**Let's apply this to our lives.**

6.) How do you know when you're not walking with the Spirit?

7.) What's one thing going on in your life right now where you really feel your need for the Holy Spirit's power?

8.) How do you start walking with the Spirit when you're not? (Here's a hint...read Luke 11:9-13)

9.) When you mess up, how do you get back in step with the Spirit again? (Another hint... read Galatians 3:2-5. How did you get forgiven in the first place?)