**06.03.18 - Creed - Tim Knipp**

Leader Prep Section

* Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a few questions that are best suited to your group.
* Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
* When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

**Goal: Talk about the Holy Spirit as our here and now connection with God. Discover what it means to live life in the Spirit.**

**Hook** - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

* What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon?
* What are some things you thought about or cared about before you were a Christian? How did that change when you gave your life to Jesus?

Background / Reading

**Read: Romans 8:1-17**

* Does anyone have any questions about this passage? Or observations that stand out to you immediately? (Remind those who share that we’ll likely return to their ideas in our discussion!)

**Book** - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

* Ask someone to summarize this passage, or to explain a major theme.
* What are some of the qualities of life according to the flesh? What are some of the qualities of life according to the Spirit?
* According to this passage, how does the Spirit connect us with God? (v.14-16)
* What are the benefits and responsibilities of being children of God? (v.17)

**Look** - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

* What does it mean to set your mind on things of the flesh or things of the Spirit? (v.5)
* What are examples of things that the Spirit desires? (v.5)
* What does it mean to be led by the Spirit of God? (v.14)
* What do you think it looks like to live like God’s children?

**Took** - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

* How connected to God do you feel you are in your everyday life? What does that look like?
* Is there anything that keeps you from living in the Spirit? How can you invite the Holy Spirit into that part of your life?
(Are there ways you’ve been living like a functional atheist? What does that mean?)
* Who is someone you admire for their faith and connection with the Holy Spirit? How can you be more like them?

**Closing**

* Prayer