

Collaborating with the Spirit

Romans 8:5-11

Life as a Christ follower is a collaboration between us and the Spirit of God in us. Our part begins with our thought life: setting our minds on the _____, and not on the things of this world.

Discussion 1. What Spiritual disciplines in your life help you with the focus of your thought life? In other words, what disciplines help you keep your mind on the things of the Spirit as opposed to the things of the world?

Christ followers shaking our fists at an unbelieving world is such an embarrassing picture. Our outrage is neither Spirit-led nor a Godly witness. Our offense is just petty and ignorant. Life in the Spirit is always about _____. Always.

Discussion 2. When you find yourself interacting with non-believers about political or moral issues in our current culture wars what does “love” look like for you? What practical steps can you take in order to love well?

Life in the Spirit means our hope is not in anything in this world. We do not hope in political solutions. We do not hope in celebrities. We do not hope in media. We do not hope in the world’s revolutions. Our hope for all the brokenness of this world is in _____.

Discussion 3. What are the “chariots and horses” in which our current culture tempts you to place your hope? When is the temptation greatest for you? How do you refocus your mind on things of the Spirit when that temptation comes?

The very same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives today in every Christ follower. If that doesn’t ignite my _____ for all people (especially those with whom I disagree), then something is terribly wrong.

Discussion 4. As you ponder what it means to collaborate with the Spirit living in you, what is at least one next step you can take this week in order to better “set your mind on things of the Spirit”?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?