Romans Bible Study Questions: Chapter 8

Chapter 8:1-2 declares that there is “now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus…” Since this truth needed to be stated, where does the accusation of condemnation come from? Why does condemnation get so much traction with us?

In describing the redemptive work of Christ, Paul says God came in Christ so that “the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us” (v 4). What is meant by this fulfilled righteousness?

Considering verses 5-12, how does one “set the mind” on either the flesh or the Spirit?

Verses 12-17 are crucial for clearly recognizing whether our inheritance is perishing or is with God – having everlasting life. How does adoption figure into this?

Looking at verses 18-25, how does Creation testify to the redeeming movements of God? What evidence of the “groaning” do you see?

How does the clear declaration of God’s foreknowledge and predestined calling fit with the larger flow of encouragement in the chapter? Rather than treating it as an isolated philosophical problem, consider the role that this teaching plays within the unfolding argument, including the immediate comments about the Spirit helping in our weakness, as well as what immediately follows.

How does the final exultation of verses 37-39 reconnect with verses 1-2? Think for a few moments about this whole chapter as a single argument.