



Sermon-Based Study Guide

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“Three Promises that Meet
our Deepest Longings”

Romans 8

CONNECT

1. How do you live wisely and maturely with yourself...especially when you struggle with dark 'stuff', and sinful attitudes and actions?
2. What are your common responses when you are not at your best?

ENGAGE

1. Three Promises that meet our deepest longings
 - a. the promise of no condemnation
 - b. the promise of no alienation
 - c. the promise of no separation...which one stirs something in you...and why?
2. Let's dig a little deeper...
 - a. No condemnation - Romans 8:1-4 responds to the soul question...'can I be forgiven by God?' What is the basis for forgiveness and reconciliation with God?
 - b. No alienation - Romans 8:15-17 responds to the soul question...'can I belong where it matters?' For the Christian, how does God long for us to see ourselves...and God? What are some of the benefits of this relationship with God?
 - c. No separation - Romans 8:35-39 responds to the soul question...'can my future be secure?' What fear of the future most unsettles you? What hope and courage can you draw from this section of Scripture?

APPLY

1. When it's all said and done, which promise do you most need to experience more fully?

And, ask God for opportunities to share his hope and love...his powerful promises with others.