

LIFEGROUP NOTES: ROMANS 8:28-30

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Read Romans 8:28-30

1. When Paul writes that “in all things God works for the good of those who love Him” (v.28), what kind of things does he have in mind? See vv.18-23, 35, 38-39. How does this encourage you as you face suffering?
2. See v.28 again. What is “the good” for which God is working on our behalf, according to v.29? What is God’s great aim? Why is this such a great “good” for us?
3. In what ways have you experienced God working through difficulties in your life to shape your character to be more like Christ? You may be able to encourage one another by sharing how you have seen God working in this way in the life of another group member. Discuss any ways in which you see this happening among you at present.
4. Clearly Paul understands the glory God has in store for us as being still in the future (see vv.18-21, 23, 25). So why do you think he uses the past tense – “glorified” – in v.30? What is the point Paul wants us to grasp? Why? What difference would it make if you thought of your life in this way?
5. Eddie’s sermon compared Ro 8:28-30 to “a theological light-bulb” switched on in a dark world. How do these verses help us to make sense of the things that happen to us, and to see where our lives are headed? How can we help one another to walk in this light?

Responding in Prayer

- Thank God for the great assurance this passage gives us regarding God’s love and His unfailing purposes. Where in your life do you most need this truth at the moment? Pray about this.

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