

LIFEGROUP NOTES: ROMANS 8:35-39

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

Preparing for God's Word

1. How did you experience brokenness this week? Think of a personal example, and a community / global example.

Read Romans 8:31-39

2. See v.35: What kind of things might cause us to doubt the reality of God's love? Have your circumstances ever caused you to wonder if God still loved you?
3. See vv.36-37: Why does Paul insist that we are "more than conquerors" despite the reality of our sufferings? On what does he base His confidence? Compare Ro 5:8.
4. See vv.38-39: How can we come to share Paul's confidence that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"?
5. If it is really true that nothing can separate God's people from His love in Christ:
 - Why are we ever distrustful, fearful, or discouraged?
 - Why do we ever allow ourselves to become half-hearted in the service of the God who loves us so?
6. Strengthen your heart with this glorious beginning to the Heidelberg Catechism (1563):

QUESTION: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

ANSWER: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Responding in Prayer

- Prayerfully apply to your current circumstances what you have just learned about God's love. Pray for His help in living a life that reflects the deep assurance of Ro 8:31-39.

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