



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families For the week of April 23, 2023

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- When do you lose confidence? Why?
- What builds confidence?

Romans 8:26-39

Last week, we heard about the difference between the spirit of slavery and the Spirit of sonship, and the future hope of those who belong to God through Jesus Christ ([Romans 8:14-25](#)). Now, Paul leads us to know how a Christian can face the sufferings and temptations of life with Gospel-confidence.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- How exactly does the Spirit help us in prayer? (26-27)

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

If God is For Us Who can be Against Us?

- How does belief in God's promise in v.28 effect the way you think about the blessings of today? Your failure and sin today?
- What does vv.29-30 tell us about God's ultimate purpose in history? What light do these verses shed the "good" mentioned in v.28?
- Paul lists five connected actions of God in vv.29-30. How would you define each action in your own words? When does each action take place in the life of the believer?
 - Foreknew
 - Predestined
 - Called
 - Justified
 - Glorified
- Why does Paul use the past tense "glorified" when speaking of Christian? (30)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **Paul asks a series of questions in vv.31-35. What point does he want to make by asking these in rapid-fire succession?**
- **Summarize Paul's answer to the questions he's asked. (36-39)**
- **Pray together in light of this week's passage.**

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