

THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!



IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU THINK

Romans 8:28

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: Share about a time that you were suffering either physically or emotionally?
 - How long did your suffering persist?
 - What were some things that helped you through the suffering? Was there a scripture that you leaned on to help you through it?
- Read Romans 8:28
 - Have you heard this scripture before? In what context is this passage helpful for people?
 - Pastor Nick taught us that when this verse is misapplied it sets God up for failure!
 - Can God actually fail? What did Nick mean by that?
 - How can a misunderstanding of this passage impact someone's faith negatively? Have you ever seen something like this happen?
 - Paul begins this passage by saying *we know*. Why do you think that it is significant that he said, *we* instead of *I*?
 - Describe the term, "Collective Knowledge". How is it different from personal knowledge?
 - What is the people of God's role when you are suffering? How can their collective knowledge of God's will be helpful for you in those times?
 - Respond to this statement: *"In times of deep suffering it can be easy in my vulnerability to lose sight of God's providence for me. I can be blinded to how God is working good. I can actually not know that God is working good. In those times I'm reliant on the strong faith of those around me to sustain my faith."* Do you agree? Why or why not?
 - Think about the time of suffering that you shared about earlier.
 - Was there any good that came of it? If so, what was it?
 - What is the ultimate good that God is working in our lives?
 - Who specifically does this scripture say that the good worked out is for? *Those who love God*
- Pray with each other.