

Sermon Discussion Questions  
**The Weak and The Strong**  
Romans 8:26-39  
April 9, 2017

1. What are your Easter plans? Are you inviting anyone to come to church with you on Easter? Anyone we can think of as an HDG to invite to our Easter services?
2. When Romans 8:26, 27, and 34 all say that the Holy Spirit and Jesus intercede for us before God the Father, how do you think they do that, what do they say? For you specifically, what would you want them to say to the Father?
  - If you had to rate how this truth about the Holy Spirit and Jesus interceding for you makes you feel, would you say, “I am blown away by this fact,” or “That’s interesting,” or “That’s nice” (in a non-emotional way)? Is your response a right response? Why?
3. Romans 8:28 is often quoted to offer comfort to people, or clarity when confusion is felt. Given what Romans 8:29 says (it explains v.28), how can we misinterpret Romans 8:28?
4. All this foreknowing and predestination stuff (Romans 8:29-30). Look up those words and help each other know what they mean. What is hard to grasp about these concepts?
  - Have you given any thought to the amount of people who are unsaved all around us? The unsaved definitely outnumber the saved by a large margin. If we were a bit edgy, could we say, “God seems unloving to not predestine the vast majority to be conformed to the image of His Son, and ultimately to be glorified”?
  - How can God be infinitely loving and yet not predestine all people to be with Him in glory? Where does our free will come in, and what is it about the boundaries of love that God works within?
5. When it comes to transformation—metamorphosis in your life—how does Galatians 6:14 resonate with you (if at all)?
6. Jeremy laid out that in order to allow Jesus to guide us to victory we have to Connect, Serve, Grow, and Go. Check yourself on how you are doing with these four things (1) Are you connecting? For Jesus said “Love one another” (John 13:34; 15:12, 17). (2) Are you serving? To be a disciple means we follow our Master and He said He did not come to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45). (3) Are you growing in any significant way? Remember the parable of the soils—could you identify with having a good heart to grow (Matthew 13:23; Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15)? (4) Are you going, building bridges and having a spiritual influence with those who don’t follow Jesus? Can you identify how Jesus has been having victory in your life in this past week?
7. Here are the themes of the Metamorphosis series: God transforms us through the power of grace, not through the the Law, through the power of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of hope, and the power of love. As you reflect back (and it is a challenge to do—maybe skim Romans 6-8 to review quickly), has God made any changes in you over the time of this series (that started on February 26)? Share how God has touched your life lately.
8. Read out loud together Romans 8:38-39. What kind of power or strength or security do these verses give to you?