

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. You want others to do most of the talking.

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group. Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

Start Sharing & Talking About the message. **NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.**

Setting/Open: How can we know for sure we are saved and have eternal security? Question: Did I earn my salvation? No. You can't lose what you didn't earn. Salvation begins and ends with God by grace. Bible verses: Jude 24; Phil 1:6; John 6:37 & 39; John 10:28-29; 2Tim2:13; 1John 5:13

1. Outline of Romans chapters 1-8. **A.** 1-3:20 = Condemnation; 3:21-5:21 = justification by grace by faith; 6:1- 8:39 = sanctification by the Holy Spirit.
2. Before verse **31** what do verses **29-30** tell us about God's approach to each of us? **A.** He foreknew us, He predestined us to be in the image of His Son, He called us, He justified us, He will glorify us (our glorified completion).

Four Rhetorical Questions:

3. **Secure from Opposition** (31-32) **Q:** Who can be against us? **A.** No one. This is an area that the enemy challenges us. **Point:** Don't think hard thoughts of God. Don't think that God is ever against us, doesn't care or is trying to get back at us. Don't let those thoughts in our mind. Are there things that come against us? **A.** Yes, but they are powerless compared to God being for us. **App:** Don't put emphasis on those things that are against us; put emphasis that God is for us. Never doubt that God is for us in every season. **V32** How can we know that God is for us? **A.** He gave us His Son! This should remove all doubt. What did God give us? **A.** He freely gave us all things. We did not earn them.
4. **Secure from Accusation** (33) **Q:** Who shall bring a charge (accuse) against God's elect? Who is it that accuses us? **A.** The devil. But God knows the charges and He paid them. **Analogy:** Picture charges being brought against us and the court is in heaven, and the Judge is my Father. No need to worry – we will be declared "Not Guilty." **App:** Even if we do fail, it's been dealt with and taken care of.
5. **Secure from Condemnation** (34) **Q:** Who is he who condemns? **A.** No one. **Rom 8:1** Jesus died to pay our debt to purchase our salvation, He is risen, He is at the right hand of God making intercession for us. Jesus is our Advocate and prays for us. He is always near us. **Note:** Self-condemnation is not from Jesus.
6. **Secure from Separation** (35-39) **Q:** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? **A.** Nothing and no one. **2Cor 11** Paul's tribulations. Tribulation: God allows them to purify us not separate us. Do we ever ask, "God where are you?" **Ps 44** Distress: narrowness, hemmed in, being squeezed, can't breathe. Famine, nakedness, peril or sword: they are all threats of danger. **Note:** We may ask why we are going through trials, but God does not owe us an explanation. What should we do in trials? **A.** Focus on He Who is near us. **V37** We are more than conquerors through Jesus us loves us. **V38-39** What can separate us from Jesus? **A.** Nothing. **Height:** heaven of heavens: **depth:** the lowest parts. **Created things:** not even ourselves.
7. **Conclusion:** Our eternal security is as settled as God Himself. He never leaves us. **Heb 13:5**

Start Praying & Start Doing. Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://subsplash.com/u/-3VJ3ZF/forms/d/439cdb6e-6d23-4b0a-9aeb-05199f86a9f2>

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Eternally Secure

Romans 8:31-39

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