

The Gospel From every Angle

Gospel as Election

Romans 8:28-39

TALK IT OVER

Passages

"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. 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." – Romans 8:28-39 (ESV)

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Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- When is our next outreach party? See page 4 for ideas.
- When is our next mission we would like to participate in?
- What is one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hop we talk about as a group?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Romans 8:28-39. What are some phrases or words that stand out to you in these verses? What questions do you have around this passage?
- What does it mean to be God's elect? Look at your footnotes in your bible if you have some.

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Does this passage give you confidence? Why or why not?
- How has God shown us that we are his elect? What promises have been given?
- Why do you think it is important for us to understand that God has predestined us to be called into His kingdom and to do His work? Does this mean He chooses some but not others? What is it really saying here?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- Jesus desires that we are doers of the word, and not hearers only. Please create an "I will" or "I believe" statement that describes how you will take action based on today's biblical teaching.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.