

"ALL THESE WONDERFUL THINGS"

TODAY'S TEXT Romans 8:31-39

FOUR QUESTIONS THAT ASSURE US OF GOD'S LOVE:

- 1. **v.31** who can be _____ us?
- 2. **V.33** who will _____ us?
- 3. **V.34** who will us?
- 4. **V.35** who will us?

QUESTION:

Is there anything at all that could happen to you that would keep you from loving or serving Jesus Christ?

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: ROMANS: Best News Ever

Message: Part 15 – ALL THESE WONDERFUL THINGS – Romans 8:31-39

Speaker: Shawn Vandop **Date:** January 29, 2022

BEST NEWS EVER! a study through romans

Connect (30min)

- 1. CHECK IN: (Break into groups of 2-3 or Men/Women)
 - *LOVE LANGUAGES: Words of Affirmation Physical Touch Receiving Gifts Acts of Service Quality Time
 - **a.** How would you rank your 5 Love Languages?
 - b. Briefly share a recent example (for each Love Language) in which someone demonstrated love towards you?

2. PRAY FIRST

- Share any final highlights & feedback from your PRAY FIRST experience this month. Do you have a Bible/Devotional plan for February? Share...
- ☐ Read Psalm 103. Have one person read for this scripture for the group. Use this Psalm as a guide for prayer.
- Pray Let's take 10min to P.R.A.Y. together. Leader time & transition to each component.
 - -- Pause (be still & listen. 2min)
- -- Rejoice (praise & thanks. 2min.),
- -- Ask (invite & request 4min.)
- -- Yield (surrender & trust. 2min)

Message Discussion (45min)

- 1. WHAT COMES TO MIND
 - a. A.W. Tozer famously wrote:

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

What comes into your mind when you think about God?

b. What do you imagine comes into God's mind when He thinks about you?

(Don't give us the "Sunday School" answer! Feel free to share candidly)

- 2. MESSAGE RECAP: What jumped out at you from Sunday's message? What encouraged or challenged you?
- 3. WORD III Read Romans 8:18-39
 - a. What do you learn about God from these verses? What do you learn about people?
 - **b.** What are *the four questions* Paul asks in relations to God's love for us?
 - v.31 who can be against us? v.33 who will accuse us?
 - v.34 who will condemn us? v.35 who will separate us?
 - i. Which of the questions stands out to you more than the others? Why?
 - c. Do you believe that Jesus loves you?
 - >> How? Why? When did you first realize/believe this to be true?
 - d. What are the wonderful things Paul speaks about in verse 31?

- e. What are some tribulations, trials and hardships you have experienced as a follower of Jesus?
 - i. How has God's love been present for you in these moments?
 - **ii.** Can you think of a moment in one of those hardships where you were reminded that **you are more than a conqueror**?
 - **iii.** Do you remember what Shawn said the difference is between a "conqueror" and "more than a conqueror?" (**ANSWER:** To be a conqueror, is to rejoice when the battle is over. More than a conqueror, a super conqueror rejoices during the battle before it's finished.).

- **a.** How should the truth that God "did not spare His own son" cause us to live differently? What does it mean that God is for you? Discuss.
- - **a.** How does this passage give credibility to what Paul is saying about the assurance of God's love? Discuss.

6. GOD'S PLAN

- **a.** If *God's plan for you is to make you like Jesus* and bring you home to Himself in Heaven, what role does suffering play and how should this affect the way we view suffering?
- **b.** The last part of **verse 34** tells us that Jesus is praying for us. How does that make you feel? How could this truth change the way you live and relate to Jesus? Discuss.

7. CONSIDER THIS

- a. When are you most prone or tempted to doubt God's love for you?
- b. How can [and will] your heart be assured of His love from what you have learned in Romans 8?
- c. Is there anyone in your life that could use a reminder (from you) that Jesus Loves them?
- d. What is one step could you can take this week to live with a greater awareness of God's unbreakable love?

Prayer (15min)

In response to God's Word our discussion together, what is one way that we can pray for you? Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men & women) to pray for one another.

Romans Road

Continue to read & pray through Romans this week.

Project 3:15

Our annual Apologetics Conference is coming up on **Sat. February 18**th, with guest speaker <u>Dr. Sean McDowell</u>. Registration is filling up fast so visit <u>www.mainstreetchurch.ca/project315</u> for more info & registration this week!