Romans 8:29-32 Pastor Shannon Popp
"For Us 10.11.26

Small Groups Study Guide: Read the entire Passage first

- Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Other passages to look at: James 1:2–4, Romans 5:8; Matthew 6:31–33; 1 Peter 5:7.

READ THE PASSAGE
What does this passage tell us about God? Who He is and what He does.

If it is not good, God is not done (vs 28)

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.

Foreknew means planning ahead of time, not just knowing ahead of time. (vs 29)

If it is not good, God is not done (vs 28-29)

The word predestined was not to cause division, but to bring comfort (vs 29)

If it is not good, God is not done. (vs 28-29)

God uses our failures to form us into faithful servants (vs 29)

If it is not good, God is not done. (vs 28-29)

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.

What God starts, God finishes (vs 30)

The call of God is the act of God (vs 30)

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Even when we fail God, God is for us. (vs31)

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?

This is an argument from the greater to the lesser. (vs 32-33)

Put into Practice: —Grow in Patience:
[] Name the Box
[] Remember Jesus

Small Group Discussion Questions
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1. According to Romans 8:29, what is the "good" God is working toward in our lives? How does that change the way we view an unfinished or painful season?

2. The sermon said, "God uses our failures to form us into faithful servants." How does Peter's restoration demonstrate this, and how should we respond when we fail?

3. Read Romans 8:30. Who is doing the work of salvation, and how does that help us trust that "what God starts, God finishes"?

4. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Does this mean Christians will never experience opposition? Where do you need this assurance today?

5. How does God's gift of His Son answer our doubts about His care? What specific worry (name the "box") can you entrust to Him this week?

One simple step this week: Write down one worry. Memorize the verse that correlates with the attribute of Jesus you chose and pray that into your life. Start praying by praising God for who He is, and thanking God for giving you Jesus, then ask the Holy Spirit to help you take one faithful step while you trust Jesus with the outcome.

PURPOSE OF SMALL GROUPS

Small groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth together in deep Christian relationships through the application of God's Word. The goal is to care about each other enough to ask the BIG questions of life, such as: What is God doing in your life? What is He asking you to do about it? Then walk with each other through life.

sharing, caring, praying, serving, and mobilizing each other.
SHARING – We come together each week to share a meal, God's Word, and how His story impacts our daily walk.
CARING – We gather together each week to ask great questions, listen to understand each other, and what God is doing in and through our lives.
PRAYING – We meet together to pray with each other. Not just to speak to God, but to hear from Him each week in community, and daily individually.
SERVING - We work together, using our unique gifts, to serve one another by God's grace and build the body in love each week.
MOBILIZING – We are praying for our neighbors by name and pray through "Good Events" once a quarter.

Leader's Guide (WITH SUGGESTED AND HELPFUL ANSWERS)
Main Purpose
Help your group see that the gospel is not merely behavior improvement but identity transformation. In Adam, sin and death reign. In Christ, grace reigns. Because of this, we rejoice — not just in what God does, but in who He is.
Pathway
When people move off track of the purpose, point to Scripture and remind people of the purpose.

Understanding the Questions
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1. According to Romans 8:29, what is the "good" God is working toward in our lives? How does that change the way we view an unfinished or painful season?
Biblical answer: God's purpose is to conform us to the image of His Son, to make us more like Jesus today than yesterday, and us more like Jesus tomorrow than we are today. The promise of Romans 8:28 does not mean every circumstance is good or that every difficulty will resolve as we hope. It assures believers that God works through all things toward His good purpose. Even suffering can become a place where He develops endurance, character, and hope. We can trust His work even when we cannot see the finished result.
Supporting Scripture: Romans 8:28–29; Romans 5:3–5; James 1:2–4.

2. The sermon said, "God uses our failures to form us into faithful servants." How does Peter's restoration demonstrate this, and how should we respond when we fail?
Biblical answer: Jesus knew Peter would deny Him, yet Peter's failure did not define him or end his usefulness. Jesus prayed for him, restored him, and entrusted him with caring for His people. God's grace invites us to bring our failures into the light through confession and repentance. His forgiveness gives us courage to obey again. Failure is never an excuse to continue in sin, but it can become a place where we learn humility, dependence, and love for Jesus.
Supporting Scripture: Luke 22:31–34; John 21:15–19; 1 John 1:9.

3. Read Romans 8:30. Who is doing the work of salvation, and how does that help us trust that "what God starts, God finishes"?
Biblical answer: God is the One who calls, justifies, and glorifies. Justification means God declares us righteous through faith in Jesus, rather than through our performance. Glorification is the completion of His saving work, including our future resurrection and freedom from sin. Paul speaks of that future with certainty because God is faithful. Our assurance rests in His saving work. That assurance encourages us to pursue obedience, trusting that He is working in us.
Supporting Scripture: Romans 5:1; Romans 8:23, 30; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:12–13.

4. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Does this mean Christians will never experience opposition? Where do you need this assurance today?
Biblical answer: Being in Jesus does not remove opposition, suffering, or hardship. It means none of these can overturn God's saving purpose or separate us from His love. Jesus prepared His followers for trouble while assuring them of His victory. As the sermon reminded us, "Opposition is certain; our position is secure." We can face difficult circumstances with courage because our security rests in the strength and faithfulness of our Savior.
Supporting Scripture: Romans 8:31, 35–39; John 16:33; John 10:27–29.

5. How does God's gift of His Son answer our doubts about His care? What specific worry (name the "box") can you entrust to Him this week?
Biblical answer: The cross is the clearest demonstration that God loves us. If He gave His Son to save us, we can trust Him to provide everything needed to accomplish His saving purpose. "All things" does not promise every comfort or possession we desire; the surrounding verses acknowledge that believers still suffer. It assures us that our Father will faithfully carry us toward the inheritance we have in Jesus. We can bring our needs to Him with confidence in His wisdom and love.
Supporting Scripture: Romans 8:32; Romans 5:8; Matthew 6:31–33; 1 Peter 5:7.

Put it into practice: Use the MVP's and decide what attribute of Jesus relates to your ("box")—the area of life you focus on more than Jesus' life and work.
Share one specific struggle with the group, then pray for one another to trust God and take one faithful step of obedience this week.

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