

The Power of God's Promises “Nothing Goes To Waste”

INTRODUCTION:

In this life there is certain to be difficulties, pain and challenges. However, with Christ in our lives and as our hope, we can look at those circumstances with a new perspective. In our study this week, we explore what God has for us in the trials of life.

Ice Breaker Question - Optional (8 min):

What is something that is difficult for you to see go to waste?

STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)

The Promise of Romans 8:28-29

Read Romans 8:28-29

Q1. To whom is the promise made that all things work together for good? Do you consider this a condition of the promise?

Q2. What do you think the purposes of God would be for us (v. 29)?

Read Philippians 2:5-8

Q3. How would being conformed into the 'image' or 'likeness' of Christ (Rom 8:29) require us to experience testing of our faith, temptations, difficulties, and even suffering?

God Gives Perspective on the Past

Q4. According to Romans 8:28, who is working and what events or things are involved?

Read Philippians 1:12-14

Q5. From the Philippians passage, how was that evidenced in Paul's life?

God Gives Gifts for the Present

Read Psalm 103:1-5, 10-13 and Hebrews 4:14-16

Q6. List the gifts God gives us that are mentioned in these verses. What attributes of God are evidenced by these gifts.

God Gives Hope for the Future

Read Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 1:6 and Colossians 3:1-2

The promise of Romans 8:28 is something that followers of Christ are to “know” and is not based upon our feelings.

Q7. What can you do when you are having difficulty seeing things in your life working out for good? Is there a particular area of your life that you need to surrender to God so that He may transform you more into the image of Christ?

WRAP-UP

Nothing needs to go to waste since we know that everything will be used for our good as we continue to follow Christ and become more like Him in character and behavior. This promise of God gives us a new perspective on our circumstances as we recall all He has done for us and the hope we have in Him for today and our future.

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28 (NIV). *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

PRAYER (20 MIN)

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: _____

Pray for your group members' needs (use other side also):

Challenge: Read Romans 8:28-39. Personalize verses 38-39 with your own unique challenges/difficulties and claim these truths for yourself.