

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 22-28, 2020

**“FOR OUR GOOD”**

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## GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What are you facing today that is most challenging to see as “good”?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Romans 8:28-30.

1. Romans 8:28 tells us that God weaves everything together for good for his children. How does remembering that our world is governed by God’s providence rather than fate help you as a Christian? Think of specific examples that you are going through right now.
2. Verse 28 begins with, “And we know...” What is it that Paul, the author of Romans, thinks you should already know going into this verse? Is it only head knowledge or does it involve the heart and personal experience?
3. “God can work all things together for good, because he is good.” Think about that for a moment. What do we learn about the depth and reach of God’s goodness from the following passages in Psalms? Psalm 31:19, 107:1, 119:68, 145:9. How should the goodness of God impact the Christian? How have you seen God’s goodness at work in your life this week?
4. Have you ever misused or misapplied Romans 8:28? (Or has someone done it to you?) Share your experience with the group and explain why you think the verse was wrongly used.
5. How does Romans 8:29 realign your thinking about the “good” that God is working together in your life? How would you define being “conformed to the image of Jesus”? What kinds of changes in character, attitude, or perspective have you seen occur in yourself or in others who have allowed God to use difficulties and trials to shape and mold them to be more like Jesus?

6. Paul says this promise is for those who “love God” and “called according to his purpose.” Do you think God ever calls somebody and it makes no difference in his/her life? What does loving God look like? As a personal assessment: Would you say that you are loving God more and living your life according to his purposes?

## 7. [NEXT STEPS]

- ☐ I will remember to always look to God first.
- ☐ I will trust God’s work in my life.
- ☐ I will seek the Lord for wisdom.
- ☐ I will let the Holy Spirit do his work in making me more like Jesus.

*Don’t forget to:*

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- ☐ Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

## CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that God’s “good” will be accomplished in your life in greater measure.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.