



LIFE GROUP PLANNING



Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?
God wants to assure us that we are His! Despite our present troubles we can have confidence that God will fulfil his purposes for us.

Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

The Bible Project is a good starting point.

<https://bibleproject.com/>

ROMANS 8v 28-39

Warm Up

What are you looking forward to in heaven?

If you knew what you know now when you were 14, would you have done things differently? (careful this could cause a marital row!)



Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. In v 28, what do you think "for the good..." means? Do all believers have lovely lives?
2. "The references to foreknowledge and predestination in v29-30 have caused lots of debate over the years. We may not know the answer to every question this side of heaven but in what way, in your view, are these verses meant to help us? Compare your answers with v31?"
3. Paul is trying to encourage the Church to "hold on to" their faith in difficult times, what is the basis of his confidence?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

4. How is God weaving his purposes in to your life? Are you becoming more Christ like?
5. Suffering is part of the Christian experience; How can we have confidence in our faith during times of suffering? (What is Jesus doing for us?)
6. Read v 37-39 again. Do you feel the same way as Paul? How can you get to that point in your life?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.