

Sermon-Based Discussion

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BIBLE PASSAGES

Romans 8:31-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **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? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long, we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev 12:11

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

James 4:6

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Group Discussion & Life Challenge

Use these notes as discussion prompts for your group, or in your personal time with God.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. What was a low point from this week?

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Pray together about the lows that were shared.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insights

What do I do with Evil?

1. **Expect** evil. "Do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you" 1 Peter 4:12.
2. **Endure** evil. "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" 1 Corinthians 13:7
3. **Hate** evil. "Let love be genuine. *Abhor* what is evil; hold fast to what is good" Romans 12:9
4. **Pray for escape** from evil. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" Matthew 6:13
5. **Expose** evil. "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them" Ephesians 5:11
6. **Overcome** evil with good. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" Romans 12:21
7. **Resist** evil. "Resist the devil and he will flee" James 4:7

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS