



Sermon Discussion Guide

December 28, 2025 | Romans 8:26-30 | Jerrod

SUMMARY

Big Idea: The triune God actively and securely carries out His redemptive plan, even when we don't know what to pray, see, or understand.

In these verses, Paul continues to bolster the Christian's confidence. Verses 26-27 highlight the Spirit's work in helping us. Verse 28 provides a remarkable understanding and theological perspective through trials, and verses 29-30 unpack verse 28, giving the chronological, wide-angle perspective of God working out his plan of salvation. In summary: God is active and we are secure. Depending on discussion, groups may need to focus on 1 or 2, of the 3 topics below.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro

How was Christmas? What was Good? What was Hard?

Are you more of a "Take the décor down on Dec 26," or, "Keep the décor up through February" ?

Topic: Prayer. Read Romans 8:26-27

1. How would you describe your prayer life?
2. What role does the Spirit play in this? Why is this needed?
3. What effect should this have on our prayer and lives?

Topic: All Things for Good. Read Romans 8:28

1. What is taught in this verse? What does that mean?
2. Who is this for?
3. What are the "all things" and what is the "good" that God is working for?
4. How could this verse be misunderstood and misapplied?
5. Has this verse been meaningful to you in the past? How?
6. How does this teaching impact you today?

Topic: "Golden Chain" Read Romans 8:29-30

1. How do verses 29-30 relate to verse 28?
2. What chain of events is God working sovereignly over?
3. Consider the following definitions. Which one(s) seem hard to understand? What effect does Paul desire for these truths to have on his readers? What effect do these verses have on you?
 - Foreknowledge - God loved and chose his people with purpose
 - Predestination - God sovereignly ordains your salvation
 - Calling - God opens your heart to the gospel message
 - Justification - God declares you righteous on the basis of Christ's work
 - Glorification - God brings you to a new heaven and new earth in your new body

KINGDOM IMPACT - MULTIPLY

1. **Pray, Think, and Act.** Share any developments and updates in the areas below:
 - a. **Reach** - That God would use you to lead 1 person to faith in Christ
 - b. **Belong** - to multiply opportunities for others to be brought into community
 - c. **Serve** - to begin serving, invite others into serving, or multiplying serving efforts by meeting needs or blessing neighbors or ministry partners together as a group
 - d. **Gather** - to multiply the church (planting, revitalization, helping other churches)