LifeGroup Study Sheet

July 9th and 12th, 2026: Romans 8:28-30

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Are you a person who dumps all the puzzle pieces out and just starts, or do you sort by edge pieces first? What does that say about how you handle life? Have you ever lost a puzzle piece and had to just… live with the gap? Is there a 'missing piece' feeling in your life right now?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Romans 8:28. God's Promise. One misconception about this passage is verse 28 doesn't say all things are good, it says **all things work together for good**. How does that distinction change the way you look at a hard season? Can you think of a past situation where you can now see how God used a difficult "piece" a loss, a delay, a disappointment to build something good? What would you have missed if that piece had been left out?

What's the difference between "everything happens for a reason" (a common saying) and what Romans 8:28 promises?

Question 2: Read Romans 8:29. God's Plan. If the goal of your life is Christlikeness rather than comfort, does that change how you'd label something as "good" or "bad" right now? What's a current frustration or trial that might be shaping a specific piece of your character, your patience, humility, faith, love?

Is there an area of your life where you've been praying for the circumstance to change, when maybe God is more focused on changing you inside the circumstance?

Question 3: Read Romans 8:30. God's Process! Which "link" in this chain; foreknew, predestined, called, justified, conformed, or glorified, feels most real or tangible to you in your everyday life right now? Which one feels the most distant or hard to believe? This process moves from eternity past (foreknew) to eternity future (glorified). How does zooming out to that bigger timeline change the way you handle a hard week or a hard year?

foreknew → predestined → called → justified → conformed → glorified

Where do you tend to get "stuck" in your walk with God? Feeling called but unsure of your identity, or saved but not really growing? How might seeing this as one continuous chain (not separate disconnected stages) help?

Paul writes about glorification as if it's already done. What would it look like for you to live this week with that same confidence? Trusting the ending even though you can't see it yet?

Application

1. Are you trusting in God's promise?
2. Are you resting in God's plan?
3. Are you a picture of God's process?

If you had to name the one 'piece' of your puzzle you most need to trust God with this week, what would it be? What's one small step of faith you can take regarding it?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?
Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?
Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?
Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?