

Romans 8b Discussion Questions?

1. Verse 23 mentions that even we, having been given the first fruits of the Spirit, groan as we await our redemption; can you think of a time where, even though we are blessed in so many ways, you groaned or complained about something that paled in comparisons to how much God has blessed you with?
2. Paul says in verse 26 that the Spirit helps in our weakness because we don't know how to pray as we should. How have you experienced this in your life? Have you felt this occurring within your life; how did the situation end up for you? Do you see how "we don't know how to pray as we should" in your own life; where can you improve in this aspect?
3. Vs. 28 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." What are some examples both in your life or in general where you can see how this verse holds true? Where can you the good come out of a situation where you would think there can't be a good come out of it?
4. Predestination is challenging to understand so take some time to think about or look up the concept of predestination and some common understandings of this concept. After doing your own digging, what's your idea of what Paul means in verses 29-30? I spoke on it in the lesson, but I'm definitely not all-knowing on this subject and, like all other aspects of your faith, it needs to be yours and you need to know why you believe and not just believe what you're told.
5. Paul makes numerous statements at the end and throughout the whole chapter that should be massive encouragements to us (vs. 1, 2, 17, 18, 24, 28, 31, 37-39, etc.). What in your life are you feeling down about? Or what are you too fearful to do for God? How're these verses telling you to handle these situations?