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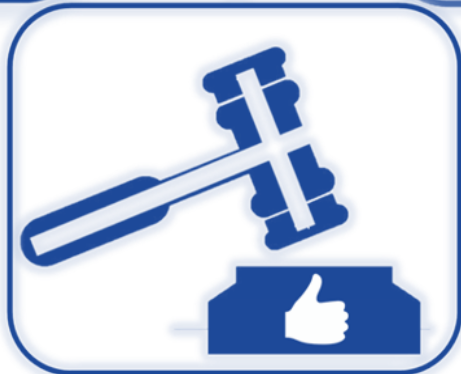
Toughening up the rough!



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Day 1

Know God has a Plan

Roman 8:28-30



It is t_____ belonging to J_____!



I feel like...

G_____ H_____ L_____ M_____
D_____!

I feel like...

I'_____ L_____ G_____ D_____!

K_____ G_____ H_____ a P_____!

God's **BIG** project... to m_____ m_____ like J_____!



Romans 8:29



G_____ U_____ A_____ to M_____ me B_____!!

When times get rough... K_____ G_____ h_____ a p_____...
to use a_____ t_____ to m_____ y_____ l_____ J_____!

- 1) What things might happen that make it tough belonging to Jesus? Why?
- 2) How does knowing God has a plan for all things help me through these things?
- 3) How did this help Jesus through the cross?
- 4) How can I help friends who are going through this?





Day 2

Know God has called you

Romans 8:28-30

Recap: *What is God's plan for those who belong to Jesus?*



Who are you?

What does it mean to be called?

C_____, S_____, H___ H_____ P_____ M_____!

He also calls me?

M_____, L_____, M_____ C_____

Read Romans 1:5-7 (Spot how many times you find the word called)

3) Called to be O_____

What does that mean?



2) Called to B_____

What does that mean?



1) Called to be H_____

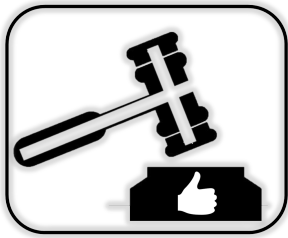
What does that mean?



When times get rough... K___ G___ H___ C_____ Y_____!

- 1) What does it mean to be called by God?
- 2) Why would this be comforting during rough times? Especially during times you're fighting with sin?
- 3) In what ways do you not live up to my calling to be holy?
- 4) How does knowing I'm called help me through these things?





Day 3

Know God has justified you

Romans 8:28-30



Recap: What is God's plan for those who belong to Jesus?

Justified!

How can G_____ be R_____, When he S_____ I am R_____,
When I k_____ I'm W_____!



God's charge against us: (Romans 3:23)

We have all S_____,
we have all M_____ God's
P_____ S_____!

We are all G_____!!

God's offer for us: (Romans 3:24-25)

God P_____ Jesus as a S_____
Jesus S_____ Our M_____
for his H_____

We can be I_____!!

Justified = J_____ A_____ I_____ I_____ N_____ S_____
J_____ A_____ I_____ I_____ L_____ L_____ J_____

How can you get this confidence?

R_____ it as a F_____ G_____!



When it is tough to belong to Jesus

k_____ G_____ h_____ j_____ y_____

*When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of my guilt within
upward I look and see him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To Look on him and pardon me.*

- 1) What does it mean to be justified? Why is this not any of us normally?
- 2) How can I be justified? What do I need to do?
- 3) What things could make us question if I'm really ok with God?
- 4) How does Jesus' death help me to remember?





Know God will glorify you

Romans 8:28-30



Recap: *What is God's plan for those who belong to Jesus?*

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What does it mean to be glorified?



Vs 19-22

What is the main object? (4 mentions)

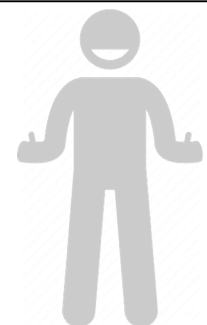
What are the 4 things mentioned this thing is doing?



vs23-25

What is the main object?

What are the 2 things mentioned this thing is doing?



What similarities are there between these?

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| What is the main object? |  |
| What are the things mentioned that he does? | |

What is the similarity between all these sections? G _____

What 2 things do we need to groan (vs18)?

Question for section vs 19-25...

... Do Y _____ G _____ f _____ G _____ ?

2 Corinthians 3v1618

What does v18 say is happening to people who belong to Jesus? How?
(try and put it into your own words)



Question for section vs 26-27...

... Do Y _____ G _____ G _____ ?

What does this mean?

When it's tough to follow Jesus... k _____ G _____ W _____ g _____ y _____ !

- 1) What does it mean to be Glorified? When will this happen, how does that make you feel?
- 2) What does it mean to groan for glory? What sort of things make us do this?
- 3) What does it mean to gloriously groan? What might make us do this?
- 4) How does Jesus' death help us to see groaning is the right thing?

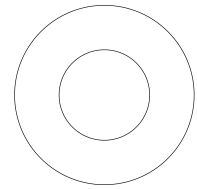




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Know God is for you

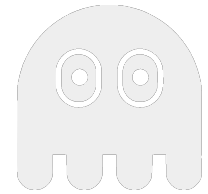
Romans 8:31-32



Recap: What is God's plan for those who belong to Jesus?



What things feel like they are against us?



If God is protecting us... who can get at us? N_____

What things might sound like they can separate us from God's love and working for our good?

Where can we look for help?



Look B_____ - Be C_____ E_____



Look U___ - You Have a...

F_____ I___ H_____ P_____

God says... Let's G_____ Y_____ F_____!

When it is tough to belong to Jesus know G___ i___ f___ y___!

- 1) What does it mean that God is for us? Does that mean we will have no enemies?
- 2) You enemies become what when God is for you?
- 3) What can be the temptation to think when times are rough?
- 4) Where should we look when we doubt? Why are these good places to look?



SMALL GROUP NOTES

Day 2 – Evening discussion Questions!

Read Roman 8:28-30

Refresh your memories...

What is God's plan for those who belong to Jesus?

What sort of things does God use to make this plan happen?



Think about it?

Discuss some situations where you have found it tough to belong to Jesus?

How did those situations make you feel about belonging to Jesus?

In what circumstances would you doubt that God is doing you good?

Why do we find it hard to believe that God is working for our good all the time?

How does KNOWING the plan help us when it's tough to follow Jesus?

Are you someone who belongs to Jesus? If not, why not?

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

(Romans 8:28)



Pray about it

Day 3 – Evening discussion Questions!

Read Roman 8:28-30

Refresh your memories of some of the things we've learnt so far this week...

What does it mean to be justified? Why do we need to be justified?

How does faith in Jesus justify us? What did he do to make justification possible?



Think about it?

How does being justified give us assurance when it's tough to follow Jesus?

e.g. think about 3 situations...

- You are battling with a sin that you just keep repeating
- You keep remembering an old sin and it makes you feel bad
- Time is tough and you think God might be punishing you

Are you justified? How can you know?

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

(Romans 8:29)



Pray about it

Day 4 – Evening discussion Questions

Read Roman 8:28-32

Refresh your memories of some of the things we've learnt this week...

What does it mean to be glorified? When does this happen?

How does that make you feel?

Why is that encouraging?



Think about it?

What sort of areas are you looking forward to being glorified?

At what times do we groan? What might that look like?

What are some of the things/reasons that stop us groaning for glory or gloriously groaning?

Why is it so amazing that the Spirit lives in us?

“And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified;
those he justified, he also glorified.”

(Romans 8:30)



Pray about it

Something for Home



Read Roman 8:35-39 and Refresh your memories about what we learnt this week...

What did we learn about God's love for us?

Is there anything that can separate those who belong to Jesus from God's love?



Think about it?

What sort of things make you feel like God has stopped loving you? Or God shouldn't love you anymore?

What can we know when we feel like that?

Make a list of things that you feel are against you?

How do those situations make you feel about belonging to Jesus?

How can we remind each other that God is for us when we belong to Jesus?

Can you say God is for you?

WRITE DOWN ONE THING YOU'LL REMEMBER FROM ROMANS

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Pray about it

Here is a prayer you might like to use if you want to become someone who belongs to Jesus:

God in heaven,

Sorry that I have fallen short of your perfection and sinned against you. Please forgive me. Thank you that Jesus died on a cross so that I could be forgiven and could belong to Him.

Please make me like Jesus. And please help me to remember your plan when it gets tough to belong to Jesus.

Amen

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