

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## GOD IS FOR US

### Romans 8:31-39

#### DISCUSSION 1: UPDATES

1. What are a couple of the biggest stressors or challenges for you during this season (employment, finances, personal or family health, loneliness, children, etc.)?
2. Has there been a verse, truth, promise, or thought that's comforted or encouraged you recently? Have you seen God at work through this situation in any ways?

#### DISCUSSION 2: UNMATCHED GENEROSITY TOWARD YOU

1. What are ways God has been generous, gracious, and good to you?
2. What are ways we see in Romans 8 that God is for us?
3. What are some things in this fallen world "against us" today (8:31)? Why do we need the truth that even then God is still "for us" in this?
4. When we question whether God is caring for us or giving us all that we need to grow in Christ, how can we be helped by the reminder that if God gave us the greatest treasure of all—his own Son—than he surely will give us everything else?
5. What are some of the needs you have today (material, financial, emotional, spiritual, etc.)? How can you trust God's provision and care for you this week?

#### DISCUSSION 3: UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO YOU

1. When you sin or stumble, what are you tempted to believe about what God must think of you? How then are you tempted to respond to him (examples: running from him, punishing yourself, piling on guilt, discouragement that overwhelms you, or trying to earn your way back into favor)?
2. The hope of Rom. 8:33-34 isn't that we're sinless but that Christ paid for our sin, gave us his righteousness, and is our advocate. How should this shape what we rest or hope in when we sin or are harassed by guilt for the past?
3. Why does the knowledge of Christ's work for us and the security of God's love underneath us free us to confess our sins and motivate us to turn from our sin?
4. How do suffering, trials, and persecution threaten to separate us from God's love or tempt us with lies about God not loving us because we're in these situations? What is the truth you need in these moments to be assured you cannot be separated from God's love for you in Christ Jesus?

#### DISCUSSION 4: TAKEAWAYS

1. What is one truth you want to cling to or one thing you're wanting to change this week in light of Romans 8:31-39?
2. What can we pray for you in light of Rom. 8:31-39? What are situations in your heart or life where you need to remember or live in light of this passage this week?

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Why is it good news to know that God is for us even if others—people or circumstances—are against us?
2. What does it mean to be condemned? How can Jesus set us free condemnation?
3. God’s love and commitment to us if we are his children is unwavering and steadfast. How can you remember at all times that God is with you, for you, and loves you?

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

- Read through Romans 5-8 and record all the ways God is for us. Note also the mentions of “in Christ” or “through Christ.”
- **Jesus our Advocate:** Is. 50:9; Rom. 4:25; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 1 John 2:1.
- **God’s love for us:** Zeph. 3:17; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 1 Pet. 5:6-7; 1 John 4:9-19.
- **Assurance or perseverance:** John 6:37; 10:28-29; Eph. 1:3-14; 4:30; Phil. 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:24.
- You can watch John Piper diagram a number of passages in Romans 8 at [desiringgod.org/labs](http://desiringgod.org/labs).