

MORE THAN

Eight Weeks in Romans Eight



The Greatest Chapter on Earth

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In December 2017, a box office musical featuring Hugh Jackman, Zendaya, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, and many others took the country by storm. It was the telling of P.T. Barnum's rise to fame and the circus, and people, that got him there. The movie and songs claimed this was the greatest show on earth.

The book of Romans is by no means a show, but chapter 8 of Romans certainly is known as the greatest chapter in the Bible... probably the greatest chapter in all of literature. Many pastors, teachers, and theologians have made this claim, even at the risk of being contradicted.

Whether or not it is the "greatest" chapter, it certainly is a theologically and formatively rich chapter for the Christian. Over the next eight weeks, our church and Life Groups will journey through this chapter to see just how good our God is and our place in His story.

Schedule & Announcements

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More Than Conquerors

ROMANS 8:31-39

Recap last week's discussion and premise.

Read Romans 8:31-39

Verses 31 through 39 speak of the Christian's eternal security. What does the phrase "eternal security" mean? How does it make you feel?

Verse 31 gives us the key to our eternal security, what (or Who) is that key? How do we find confirmation that God is the key to our security? (Consider the entire chapter of Romans 8, especially regarding what the Son has done for us and what the Spirit is now doing for us.)

Why is it important or what impact does it make for us to recognize the truth of verse 31? (The truth is that if God is for us, nothing can truly be against us.)

We are told in verse 32 that God did not spare His own Son but gave Jesus for us. In what way(s) does this confirm the truth of verse 31? What thoughts, feelings, or emotions are produced in you as you read and meditate on verse 32?

Who would bring charges against God's elect (verses 33 & 34)? (Primarily, Satan, the accuser of the brethren, would be in view as the one who would bring charges against God's people.) What charges would Satan attempt to bring to God about Christians? (Sin) What would God's response be as a result of these accusations? (In Christ, we are freely and wholly forgiven.)

Verse 35 asks the question "Who shall separate us from the love of God?" Paul then lists seven items that, in a human sense, could separate people from someone or something they know or love. What are those seven things? Is there something on this list that makes you think you could be separated from God's love? Why or why not? In what way(s) are you encouraged and not concerned about being separated from God's love?

Verse 36 is taken from Psalm 44:22. If you have time in your group, read Psalm 44 and see what you can learn from the reading. Now go back to Romans 8, what do you learn about suffering as a Christian? Is there any encouragement to be found in such a hard verse? Why or why not? (While seemingly a paradoxical answer, the truth is that we can find joy in the midst of suffering, especially because of suffering as a result of identifying with Jesus.)

In reading verse 37, what does it mean to be more than conquerors through God? How did you arrive at that understanding? How does this verse help you worship God?

Consider the extremity of situations that Paul lists in verses 38-39. These things can separate us from family and friends in this lifetime, yet can't separate us from the love of God. Why is that? How do these verses give you hope?

"Paul's paean (hymn) of praise concludes this section of the epistle that expounds God's present work of salvation in, and for, those He has redeemed." - Thomas Constable