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Discussion
Gu'ide

“PERFECTED”

02/12/17

The Point:

Cropped: God Will Make My Life Good!
Completed: God's Purposes Prevail

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- What are some things that you lived most of your life believing was good only to find out it was actually bad? (or vice-versa)?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Read Romans 8:18-30 to get the complete context of our main verse. Note the many “unpleasant” words that Paul uses. How do these verses help us to better define what Paul is talking about when he says “God causes ALL THINGS work together for good...”?
- Read Psalm 73:3-5. What did Asaph consider to “good” and was envious of those who had it? Discuss each item that Asaph mentions and bring it into modern day context.
- Read Psalm 73:16-17. What was the pivotal point where Asaph changed his mind concerning what is good? What is meant by the “Sanctuary of God”?
- Read Psalm 73:28. What did Asaph finally conclude was “good”?
- Read Romans 8:29-30. What else does Paul consider to be “good”? (HINT: Conformity to Christ and Our Glorification)
- Read Ephesians 1:4,5 and 11. These are just a fraction of the verses that talk about God’s sovereign plan and how this plan (not plans) was determined before the world was created. Discuss the implications of this. What does that mean about God’s love towards us?
- Read John 15:16. How does this verse affect our love towards God?
- Does the completed version of the main verse encourage you more or less than the cropped version?

The References

Main Passage: Romans 8:18-30 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them...

Psalm 73:1-28 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness. They seem to live such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong. They don't have troubles like other people; they're not plagued with problems like everyone else...

...So I tried to understand why the wicked prosper. But what a difficult task it is! Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked...

...But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.

Ephesians 1:4-5, 11 (NLT)

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure... Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

John 15:16 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible:

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.