



Discussion
Gu'ide

“OBSERVATIONS IN MIRROR”

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OBJECTS IN MIRROR APPEAR CLOSER THAN THEY ARE

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**IN THE REARVIEW,
WE SEE THE GOOD IN BAD SITUATIONS**

The Repeats (required)

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

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God Moments are when we celebrate God doing big things in our lives...and we want to pray for God to do big things in our lives as well! When God answers these prayers, they become God moments! Go around your group and share your prayer needs or God Moments. [Leaders: pray for these as best fits your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
In the Rearview, We See The Good in Bad Situations
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Tasteless Ingredients that Make Peanut Butter Cups
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Romans 8:28-39**
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 (28, NLT)

The Reflection (required)

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

- Have you ever taken two not-so-great things and used them for something better (perhaps food combos, mash-ups, or upcycling)?
- Let's talk about the hard things—describe a bad past situation when you wondered “where is God?”. In this situation, did you feel like God **a)** couldn't fix it, **b)** didn't know about it, OR **c)** didn't care?
 - Does *God Wins!* (see **Romans 8:28-30**) provide comfort for those hard times? Why/not? What does that mean for future difficulties?
 - How can *God Gives!* (see **Romans 8:31-34**) add another layer on our hard times? How does it feel? What steps do we need to take?
 - If *God Loves!* (see **Romans 8:35-39**)—let's chew on this—then why do you think bad things happen? Does love always feel good?
- Looking back on our past, and God's faithfulness in it (wk. 1), needs to be the foundation for how we look forward. Read, then answer for each: “what are real ways we can use this for future hard times?”
 - *We Should Expect to Suffer Through It* (see **Romans 8:16-18**)
 - *We Should Expect to Not Get It* (see **Romans 11:33-36**)
 - *We Should Expect God to Use It* (see **Genesis 50:15-20**)
 - *We Should Expect God's Grace in It* (see **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**)
- Which of these four things is the most comforting to you and why?
- Which of these four things will be the hardest for you and why?
- If your Pr'me could do 1 thing to help you with this, what would it be? [Share these as a group and help, as possible, then pray]

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

- Paul didn't write Romans 8:28 from an easy life! Read **Acts 9:28-30**, **Acts 16:22-24**, **Acts 23:12-15**, **Acts 24:27**, **Acts 28:16-20**, **Romans 7:15-25**, & **2 Corinthians 11:23-33**. How does this small snippet of Paul's life make what he shares in **Romans 8:28** more powerful?