

Out of Context | Week Two
All Things Work Together
July 7 & 8, 2019
Romans 8:28

Big Idea

God's ultimate purpose and desire for all who believe is that we become like His Son (Jesus).

Scripture

Romans 8:18-19

Romans 8:28-29

John 16:32-33

Discussion Questions

1 – On an optimist to pessimist scale, where would you position yourself? And why?

2 – Read Romans 8:18-19. There is a comparison taking place in these passages. The comparison is between “what” & “what”? Which is greater? What kind of emotion or feeling does this create in you and why?

3 – Read Romans 8:28-29. What confidence does verse 28 give you about the events that occur in your life & why? How could this impact the optimist-pessimist scale discussed in question 1?

4 – Upon reflecting on Romans 8:29 (read in question 3 above) define, in your own words, what God's purpose is for you? What are some attributes of that (hint: attributes of him)?

5 – Think upon Jesus' life. What were some sufferings he faced throughout his life (even beyond his arrest & crucifixion)? Now read some promises from Jesus in John 16:32-33 focusing on the promise of what we will have in this world. Have you or are you facing things in your life that mirror some of what He faced? What are they?

Next Steps

Stop asking the question, “God, why...?” and instead start asking the question “God, how do you want to use even this to make me more like Jesus?”

Prayer Focus

Father, it is so hard to have to deal with all the brokenness and trouble this world can hand to us. But LORD I know you are faithful and that you have a plan, a promise, and a purpose for all things. So, in Jesus' name, help me to see and cooperate with how you are trying to change me into Christ's likeness for your glory and my well-being. Amen!