

## Romans 8:31-39 – Eternally Loved – Small Group Study

### Getting Started

- Begin your time together by briefly sharing what big wall (obstacle, trial) are you facing today? [If you have a large group, break it up into smaller groups of 2-3]
- Pray for each other.

### Digging Deeper

- Have you ever felt like you needed more faith or that your faith needed to be better or stronger? (If you just had enough faith, you could overcome \_\_\_\_\_). Or, have you known people who thought and struggled in this way?
  - What is dangerous about this way of thinking?
- The very best for us is when God glorifies Jesus in us by conforming us to His image. We are actually living our best possible lives ever. This is a true advantage of being in the faith. (Romans 8:28, 31)
  - This can be a very hard statement to believe. Are there other scriptures that confirm that God's will and way for us is the best way? Share any life experiences that confirm this truth.
- Read Jeremiah 2:13 and discuss what "broken cisterns" we are looking to or have looked to in order to satisfy us. Underneath our desire to be satisfied, what is it really that we are looking or hoping for?
  - Read Romans 8:32, Ephesians 1:3, and 2 Peter 1:3. Discuss how these wonderful promises of God address our needs. How can we lay hold of these truths in a greater way in our lives?
- Romans 8:37 is a very bold statement. (No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.) Many are facing very difficult trials and suffering. What does it look like for a Christian to have victory over their sufferings?
- Read Romans 8:38-39 together. This is one of the most beautiful declarations of God's love for his children. Yet, at times, we may feel that we are separated from His great love. Most often this occurs during times of suffering or personal sin. What is it about these two circumstances that makes us feel this way? How can we appropriate the truth during these times?