

HOME GROUP QUESTIONS FROM SERMON

MORE THAN CONQUERERS Romans 8 v29-39

Ice breaker: Have you ever won a competition? Why does everyone love a winner?

1. WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Q1: In terms of the tension between divine sovereignty and human freedom, how do you feel it (a) has played out in your life (b) is playing out right now and (c) will play out in the future?

2. WHO CAN CONDEMN US?

33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Q2: Have you ever been unfairly condemned?

Q3: How does the evil one weaponize condemnation?

Q4: What is God's attitude to condemnation?

3. WHO CAN SEPARATE US?

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Q5: How does this last part of the passage challenge us?

Q6: How does it comfort us?



A PRAYER

Loving Lord, thank you that if you are for us, no-one can be against us. Thank you that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, help me hide myself in him whenever I doubt your forgiveness. Thank you that you are walking with me now and into eternity, help me never to be afraid, for the sake of your Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.