

LifeGroup Questions
Based On Romans 8:28-39
Thanksgiving

Overview

Thanksgiving. This holiday is usually marked with a large meal shared with family and friends. Within recent years Thanksgiving has become the gateway to the Christmas shopping season. Besides enjoying football and turkey what does it mean to be thankful? Merriam dictionary defines Thanksgiving as a “public acknowledgement or celebration of divine goodness.” There are many things we can be thankful for in our lives: jobs, homes, health, etc.... Is there a difference between being generally thankful for things in your life and be thankful toward God? If someone gives you a gift or does something nice for you it is easy to sit down and write them a thank you note. How do you go about expressing thankfulness to God? What does it look like? What exactly would you be thanking God for? In today’s passage the Apostle Paul wrote about the unfailing love of God. In many Bibles this passage of scripture has been labeled as “More than Conquerors.” Paul describes the love of God as being so powerful that there is nothing in this world or out of this world that can separate you from it. When was the last time you were thankful for God’s love?

Bible Study: Romans 8:28-39

1. Discuss some things you are thankful for.
2. Read Romans 8:28. In what ways do you believe God works for your good?
3. In the sermon Pastor Brent said: “whether you believe in God or not being thankful will help you get through bad days better than if you aren’t thankful; and being thankful will lift your spirit and make you happier – those around you.” Describe someone who is a thankful person. What is it like to be around them?
4. Read Romans 8:31. What do you say in response to all that God has done for you? How do you respond?
5. In the sermon Pastor Brent said: “Now again, we may resist His work; we may turn a blind eye or deaf ear to the nudges of God as He puts people in your life and thoughts in your mind to tell you what to do. God never stops working for our good.” How do you respond to the thoughts and nudges of God in your life?
6. Sometimes holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost a love one or are experiencing a hard time. How can someone choose to be thankful despite the circumstances in their life?
7. What is one thing you can do this week to express thankfulness to God?