

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 4/14/2024

For you as the Teacher/Host

Begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

Opener Question or Activity: Share one memory growing up where you remember the feeling of being loved so greatly. Why does this moment stand out to you?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Romans 8:31-39

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)*

Read over Romans 8:31-39

1. How important is it to hear how much God loves you? This may take awhile to answer, but consider how important this is.
2. Take a few minutes individually, to look up a favorite Bible verse that personally conveys God's immense love for you. Why is it so important to you?
3. Why are verses 31-34 important in understanding how God loves us? List the ways these verses reveal God's love for you? (ie - "God is for us")
4. Why does Paul have to share how solid Christ's love for us is in vrs. 35-39?
5. Is it possible, and if so, how can Christians be "more than conquerors" when faced with all the opposing elements Paul describes from vrs. 35-39? How have you focused on and received the incredible love Christ has for you?
6. How does it make you feel that you are the focus of the love of the Creator of the universe and the Savior of the world? Read Psalm 139:1-18 to close.

Apply it today: What was most important for you to remember today and why?