



Sermon Discussion Questions

"God's Everlasting Love"

Romans 8:31-39

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Opener:

Do you tend to see the proverbial glass half-empty or half-full? Elaborate.

Questions: [The following questions are meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the selected text. Feel free to ask your group your own questions regarding the sermon or text.]

1. How do verses 31-34 support Romans 8:1, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ"?
2. How might trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or the threat of death cause us to question God's love for us (vv 35-36)?
3. Of the points of separation listed in verses 35-39, which is most threatening to you and why?
4. What phrase or verse from this passage particularly strikes you and why?
5. In light of verses 31-36, why does Paul proclaim that we are "more than conquerors" (vv 37-39)?

Application:

6. What is the closest you have come to feeling the despair and loneliness of being separated from God like Paul describes in verses 31-39?
7. Look again at the powerful words of verses 38-39. How does this give you the courage to persevere?

Spend some time together in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and to remind you, both individually and as a group, where in your life God has been "for you". Pray he would help you realize that profound truth anew, and encourage you in your circumstances this week.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).