



Introduction

? If you could teach your children or someone important to you one critical life skill, what would it be? How would you teach them?

? Describe a time when you found yourself lost on a trip. How did you respond? How was the situation resolved? What did you learn?

1. The Good of God’s Work in His People (Romans 8:28)

? Since this promise is especially for those in Christ, what impact does that have on your perception of how God works in the life of Christians?


? Application: Why is recognizing the purpose of “all things” so important for enduring the difficulties of being a Christ follower in a world that largely rejects Him? How have you experienced this in your own life?

2. Becoming Like Christ is the Goal (Romans 8:29)

? Why is it significant that Christians are called brothers and sisters in Christ? Why do you think this identity is so important for persevering in the world?


? Application: How is difficulty in the life of a Christian reframed when seen through the purpose of being conformed into Christ’s likeness? What implications does that have for the way a Christian handles difficulty in this life? What hope does it offer for the future? Why do you think this identity in Christ is so important for persevering in the world?

3. Being Conformed is a Lifelong Process (Romans 8:30)


 What difference does the qualifier “under the leadership and empowerment of the indwelling Holy Spirit” make in your understanding of how a person grows in Christ? How does it help you process seasons in which Christians struggle and even fail in following Christ? Why is it important to recognize that this process cannot be completed on this side of eternity?

 Application: According to the terms Paul used in verse 30, where are you in this process? Can you trace your journey with Christ in these terms?

Conclusion

 Who in your life has been the greatest example of God working all things for the good of those who love Him? How have you seen the circumstances in his or her life result in their becoming more like Christ? Why is it important to define “the good” that way?

 Knowing that being conformed to Christ’s image is a lifelong process, how should Christians handle seasons of stagnant spiritual growth? How does being a part of biblical community factor into conformity to Christ’s image?

 How does it make you feel to know that God understands the depths of what makes you “you”? Even more, what impact does it have on your desire to pray to know that He wants you to come to Him and know Him?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Romans 8:29
- Tuesday - Galatians 2:20
- Wednesday - Ephesians 2:4-5
- Thursday - 1 John 4:9-11
- Friday - Romans 8:37-39
- Saturday - Romans 5:8