



# NORTH WAKE CHURCH

## SGL Questions: 2/7/16 – Romans 8:31-39

*Focus: Trusting God's unfailing love to sustain us to love and live for Him in spite of our sin and in the midst of our suffering.*

- Before reading the passage (Romans 8:31-39), have different folks in your group read other passages that lead up to this climactic point in the letter:
  - (Rom. 1:18, 3:10-12, 23, 5:6-8, 6:6-7, 7:4-5, 8:14-15, 8:29-30.)
  - How do these verses set the stage for what Paul is about to say?
  - Ok, now you can read Romans 8:31-39!
- Pastor John Piper has given 8 reasons for why Romans 8 is “the greatest chapter in the Bible”! That’s quite a statement—why would he say something like that?
  - Link if you want to cheat... click on “view outline on this page”
  - <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/the-greatest-chapter>
- What insights do you glean from Romans 8:31-39 regarding God’s character or the way He works? Open the floor to hear various insights and applications from the passage.
- What part of Paul’s argument is most persuasive to you in convincing you of God’s unfailing love?
- What sins or sufferings in your past have caused you to question God being “for you”? How did you work through that? Is there anyone in your group who needs prayer for a current situation like this? Stop and pray for them or anyone that your SG members are burdened for! Use Romans 8 to guide your prayers.
- Do you know anyone who has been or is currently being persecuted for their faith in Christ? Stop and pray for them! (If you don’t have personal contact with anyone like this, consider visiting <https://www.opendoorsusa.org> before small group to gather some info about the persecuted church and spend some time praying as a group for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted! Use Romans 8:31-39 to guide your prayers for them.)
- How should this passage change the way you think, believe, pray, live?