

Welcome

Which do you prefer: being strong for others, or being supported by others? *OR* What's a situation where you've found it hard to find the right words?



Worship

Read Psalm 121:1–8 together or in alternate verses

Or

Sing or listen to *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*



Word

Read Romans 8:26-39

1. *Question 1 is optional. I have placed this in here for groups which are wanting a weekly pattern of study to help them keep the same pattern for the weeks when studies aren't prepared by me. Spend 15 minutes before the study thinking about the sub-questions below before coming to your group.*



Before you begin the study form groups of two or three and have each person summarize the passage to the other one. Then, come back to the group and ask

- a. *What stands out to you?*
 - b. *Where is God?*
 - c. *Where are we?*
 - d. *Since this is the word of God, what do I need to change in my life?*
2. How are we helped when we are weak (vv. 26–27)
 - a. What kind of weakness does Paul name here? (Not sin, but limitation and confusion.)
 - b. What does it mean that the Spirit *intercedes* for us?
 - c. How does this change how you think about prayer when words fail?
 3. God helps us to find purpose (vv.28-30)
 - a. What does v.28 *promise* — and what does it *not* promise?
 - b. How do vv.29–30 help us see the *direction* of God's work in our lives?
 4. God's love holds us (vv.31-39)
 - a. What questions does Paul ask to reassure believers in vv.31–35?
 - b. Which threat in vv.35–39 feels most real to people today?
 - c. What does it mean to be "more than conquerors" through Him who loved us?



Witness

- Who might God be inviting you to pray for, even when you don't know what to pray?