

Message Series: N/a

Message Title: For You

Key Scripture:

Romans 8:31

Other scriptures: Romans 8:28–39

Theme

Human life searches for purpose, that life has meaning. Even questions Christians tend to ask are similar: "What is God's plan for my life?" "What is my calling?" "My purpose" how does Romans 8 help us see how God really calls us to himself.

Message Summary

God knows what is best for you and for your life. Yes? No? Not sure?

This message will strengthen your resolve that GOD IS FOR YOU. But that God is not organising His agenda and plans around your self fulfilment – you are getting in on what God is doing.

Whole Group Questions

- Think & Talk: Can you recall a time things did not turn out as planned? Where are you right now? Why might God have you there?
- Do: Write down 5 experiences when God has used you? Do you notice any trends? What do you feel when you look back? What do you still need to explore? What is your heart motive? Who really benefits?
- Pray: Lord, show me how to serve you. For now, let me get on with what I see you doing. Amen.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Religion says, "Earn your life." Secular thinking says, "Create and choose your life." Jesus says, "Lose your life." The Bible continually tells you to put God's interests over your own. The major word that Jesus uses when self is cited, is deny. Deny your self to follow Him. How can we live out as part of an 'us' when there is so much in today's world emphasising 'me'?

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

What is your understanding of how Paul lays out a process by which God conforms His children to the likeness of His Son Jesus?

Foreknew

Pre destined

Called

Glorified

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

How can you Pray? Serve? Give? Love?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

Think process we go with what we know now and we continue to be open to Gods direction which requires trying certain opportunities to see how God works.

Where can you, or will you, try to take an opportunity to share?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

One of the central tenets of the Christian faith is —one that feeds into all our doubts, worries, tensions, sense of meaning — is there anyone or anything that can separate me from the love of Jesus? That's a foundation for your praise.