



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Share with your group (or write down if you are working alone) one or two times when you have struggled most to believe that God really does have a plan and that the plan is truly good.

[digging deeper]

In the sermon, we skipped over a few verses in Romans 8. **Read verses 28-30.** What is the “good” that is promised in these verses?

We didn’t cover the latter verses in chapter 3 in the sermon. Read those verses together, then answer this question: If God is sovereign over all things, how are we to view the injustices in life?

Several times in the first three chapters of Ecclesiastes, the author proposes enjoying food, drink, and all that God has given. To what degree should the Christian enjoy things such as food, drink, dancing, nice things?

Suggested Reading on this topic: *The Things of Earth* by Joe Rigney

[living it out]

Let’s say you’re being a LifeHouse and sharing with a neighbor, or a friend at work. What sort of answer would you give them if they questioned the goodness of God? Doesn’t he seem like an awfully mean God?

Recommended Reading on our inability to know God’s plan

The Prisoner in the Third Cell - Gene Edwards