

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **February 14, 2016** sermon, "Love that lasts." Please read the sermon passage (Romans 8:31-39) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

As we consider God's love, note . . .

1. **The judicial questions God poses to us** (31-34)
 - A. Who can stand against God's people? God's elect? None.
 - B. We were his enemies, but in Christ, he has made us his people, whom he stands with.
 - C. "Is the Lord on my side?" is the wrong question. Better: "Am I on the Lord's side?"
 - D. Don't run after God's love--you have it in Christ. Don't pursue what you already possess.
2. **The relational questions God answers for us** (35--39)
 - A. Who will be able to separate us from the love of God? No one. Never.
 - B. What about my hardship? My broken relationships? My fears? Nope. Nothing can separate.
 - C. No matter what comes, those in Christ Jesus are eternally safe in God's love.
 - D. What God assures, Jesus secures.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Discuss this: you were an enemy of God. Talk about your identity, your mindset and your destiny when you were God's enemy.
2. Based on #1, above: When you were God's enemy, he had mercy on you by bringing you to faith in his son, Christ Jesus. When you were God's enemy, he was not your enemy. How does this truth affect your love for God? How does it impact the way you think about the rest of "God's enemies" now in the world?
3. Based on #1, above: The question is not, "is the Lord on my side helping me toward my goals?" The better question is, "Am I on the Lord's side helping him in his goals?" In what way have you been expecting God to get with your program? In what way do you need to get with God's program?
4. Based on #2, above: Nothing can ever separate the believer from God's love. Not trials, poverty, death or unexpected problem. Discuss your absolutely secure position and how that frees you in your heart and mind. How do you need to apply this truth to your life in this very hour?
5. Based on #2, above: If you don't feel the love of God today, you don't need to go out and manufacture an emotion. You need to constantly review what God has already done to show and secure his strong love for you in Christ Jesus. When we review it daily, we will feel it more consistently. Do you "feel" God's love? How can you remind yourself that it is real even when you don't feel it?