

This group is meant to facilitate discussion and meaningful conversations. The information below is derived from this week's outline.

Weekly Discussion Theme: Redemptive

- **Leader shares:** When someone faces tough times but holds onto faith, they believe in God's redemptive power to bring good from their struggles. While this may not always be the case, and we may not see redemption in every situation, some things are beyond our control. Surrendering those circumstances to God can bring peace and help us make wiser decisions in the midst of challenges. Even when the outcome is uncertain, trusting in God's greater plan allows us to find strength and hope, knowing that He can use even the hardest moments for a higher purpose.
- **Group shares:** Have you found peace trusting that God can use difficult situations to bring about good, or is this something you've ever really considered?
- **Acknowledge:** THANK YOU for sharing!

Verse: Romans 8:28 (NIV) states, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Scriptural Application: This verse connects to the idea that God can use bad and difficult situations for good by reminding us that, in all things, God is working for the good of those who love Him. It doesn't take away from the fact that these times are very challenging, but it assures us that God can redeem even the hardest circumstances and use them for a greater purpose. Whether through personal growth, deepened faith, or helping others, God is at work in the background. This verse encourages trust in His plan, knowing He is always working for our ultimate good, even when we can't see it.

Group shares: What do you think of this verse? Does it make sense to you, and can you see reflecting on it bringing you comfort during challenging times?

Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

10 ways to find peace and wisdom through reflecting on God's redemptive power:

1. Believe that God is working for good in all situations.
2. Surrender your need to control everything and trust in God's power.
3. Look for the deeper purpose behind your challenges.
4. Let this verse deepen your faith in God's goodness.
5. Trust in God's timing, knowing good will come.
6. Find hope in knowing God can turn bad into good.
7. View struggles as opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.
8. Reflect on God's past work and give thanks.
9. Turn to God for wisdom and direction.
10. Offer kindness to others, knowing God works in their lives too.

Group Shares: Do any of these resonate with you or spark any feelings or stories you'd like to share?

Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

5 Self-Reflection Questions to Help You Rely on God's Redemptive Power

1. How can I trust God is working for good here?
Example: "What past challenges has God used for my benefit?"
2. What can I release that's out of my control?
Example: "What aspects of this situation can I hand over to God?"
3. How could this challenge serve a greater purpose?
Example: "What lessons or growth might come from this experience?"
4. How has my faith helped me before?
Example: "When has my faith strengthened me in tough times?"
5. What blessings or growth can I be grateful for now?
Example: "What small positives can I focus on in this moment?"

Group shares: Can you see how these self-reflective questions could help in difficult situations, or does anyone else have anything to add?

Acknowledge: THANK YOU for sharing!

Leader shares: My hope in having these discussions is that the points and topics we explore bring you comfort and peace during the week. God's redemptive power is beyond what we can imagine, and He wants us to find peace and strength through His love. While stress, anxiety, and challenges are a natural part of life, relying on God can help ease our struggles and pain. By trusting in Him, we can find relief and hope, knowing He is always working for our good, even in the hardest times.

- **Leader shares:** An email will be sent shortly containing today's outline, along with a request to share resources discussed today. Additionally, you'll find essential links for joining the group, as well as links to join our Facebook group or follow us on social media to stay connected.
- **Closing:** As we close our group meeting, I encourage everyone to share anything else in your hearts and minds or to ask for prayer requests.
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