GOOD NEWS FOR THE WEAK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ROMANS 8:26-27

1	How is your prayer life? Do you ever struggle with prayer? Why or why not? Be specific.
	On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your prayer life?
	♀ What does a strong prayer life look like?
2	When was the last time you were made aware of your weakness and came to the end of yourself? Share a few instances as a group.
	🔾 Is it easier or harder to pray when you know you are weak? Why do you think that is?
	Consider the following the quote by Tim Keller, "When life is going smoothly, and our truest heart treasures seem safe, it does not occur to us to pray." Why is recognizing our own weakness such an important step to finding hope? Consider 2 Cor. 12:9-10, 13:4, 1 Peter 5:7, Heb. 4:15.
3	Romans chapter 8 is a wonderfully encouraging explanation of the gift of the Spirit in the life of a believer. Read through Romans 8:1-27 and make note of what this chapter is teaching us so far about the Holy Spirit.
	vs2 - The Spirit of Life sets us from the law of sin and death.
	vs4 - The Holy Spirit helps you the righteous requirement of the law.
	vs6 - The Holy Spirit gives and
	vs11 - By the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, God will from the dead.
	vs13 - The Holy Spirit helps you the deeds of the body.
	vs14 - The Holy Spirit the sons of God.
	vs15 - The Holy Spirit in us causes us to cry to God.
	vs16 - The Holy Spirit bears witness in us that we are the of God.
	vs23 - The Holy Spirit is the and guarantee of our final redemption.
	vs26 - The Holy Spirit us in our weakness.
	vs26 - The Holy Spirit for us us with wordless groanings.
	vs27 - The Holy Spirit intercedes for the saints.
	The Holy Spirit is not just a vague force or power of God. He is a person who works along with the Father and the Son. Have you ever thought about the command to love God with all your heart soul mind and strength in relation to the Holy Spirit? Spend a moment as a group worshipping and loving the Holy Spirit. What are you most thankful for from the list above? Mark them with a star and note why.

What are some of your favorite Biblical truths about the Spirit? Be prepared to share thoughts and verses with the group.

According to Romans 8:26-27, the Holy Spirit prays for us. According to Heb. 7:25, who else is interceding for believers?		
If the Holy Spirit and Jesus are interceding for us and the Father is answering their prayers, do we following verses in your answer. Rom 12:12; 1 Tim 2:8; Eph 6:18; Phil 4:6; 1 Pet 4:7; Ja 5:16.	still need to pray? Why or why not? Use the	
Stop for a moment and wonder at the thought that the whole trinitarian reality is helping you in pr to you right now?	rayer. How is that specifically encouraging	
Read Romans 12:2. What does Paul tell us that we should seek to discern? What the phrase that is repeated in Romans 8:27? Do you ever find yourself praying that God will act according will?	at do you think is the connection between ding to your will, without really seeking	
Has there ever been a time where you struggled, because God did not answer your prayer the way group.	you hoped? Share an example with the	
When have you found it difficult to pray in a particular situation? What made it so difficult to pray?	PRAYER REQUESTS	
Romans 8:27 says that God searches the hearts of His children. God alone knows the secrets of men's hearts. In what ways should that be a comforting thought for believers? (Compare 1 Sam 16:7, 1 Kgs 8:39, Ps 17:3, 44.21, 139:1-2, 23, Jer 17:10)		
What is one practical thing you can do to improve your prayer life? Make a list as a group. As your group closes, pick something from the list and put it into practice in a closing prayer time.		
-27? "Prayer is where I do my best work as a husband, dad, worker, and friend. I'm aware of the ds of unbelief in me and the struggles in others' lives. The Holy Spirit puts his finger on issues that only an solve. I'm actually managing my life through my daily prayer time. I'm shaping my heart, my work, amily—in fact, everything that is dear to me—through prayer in fellowship with my heavenly Father. doing that because I don't have control over my heart and life or the hearts and lives of those around		
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