




# GOOD NEWS FOR THE DOUBTING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


## ROMANS 8:28-30


- 1 Romans 8:28 tells us that God weaves everything together for good for his children.** This theological concept is called God's Providence. How is providence different from fate? Contrast the two concepts.


 *How does remembering that your world is governed by God's providence rather than fate help you in your current situation? Think of specific examples you are facing right now.*


 *Spend a moment in prayer as a group that God's word would give you confidence to face the circumstances of your life in assurance of His goodness and control and purpose.*
- 2 Should Christians adopt a pollyannic or sentimentally optimistic view of the difficult things of life?** If Romans 8:28 is true, are all bad things really all good?

 *Read the story of Jesus and Lazarus in John 11:32-44. What do we learn from Jesus' response to the evil of Lazarus' death?*

 *How does your own response to difficulty need to change as a result of looking at Jesus?*
- 3 God can work all things together for good, because He is good.** Take a moment to meditate on the goodness of God.

 *What do we learn about the depth and reach of God's goodness from the following passages in Psalms? Psalm 31:19, 107:1, 119:68, 145:9.*

 *How does the goodness of God impact us? Psalm 34:8, 2 Peter 1:3, Romans 2:4*

 *How have you seen God's goodness at work in your life this week? Stop to praise God that "He is good and does good." (Psalm 119:68)*

