

- 1 **A recent Wall Street Journal article entitled “Why is it so cool to be gloomy?”** argued that our world’s fascination with attention-grabbing news from virtually every corner of the world has brought with it an increasing pessimism about the way things are. How have you seen that to be true in the world around you? How have you seen that pessimism in your own life?

- 2 **Romans 8:31 states clearly that God is for us.** What does it mean that God is for you?

 *Have you ever felt like God was not for you? Why did you feel that way?*

 *List 3 ways that God has demonstrated that He is for you. Consult Psalm 27 or 56 for help.*

 *What circumstance(s) are you facing right now that you need to believe that God is for you?*

- 3 **How are we to live out the truth that “if God is for us, who can be against us”?** If God is for us, does that mean we are to just sit back and wait for Him to do something?

 *Read Joshua 11:5-9. What did God promise to do? What were the Israelites to do? Discuss the balance between trust and action.*

- 4 **Through the cross, God has given us His most valued possession--His son Jesus, therefore we should not doubt that He will freely give us anything else we might need.** The passage says that with Jesus, God will freely give us “all things.” How we define those two words is very important.

 *What does “all things” mean? What can it not mean? (See Romans 8:28-29 for help).*

 *How does 1 Corinthians 3:21-23 help in understanding?*

