

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



**SERMON TITLE:** When God is the Centre of our Outlook

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 8:28-30

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good...*

## 1

### REVIEW THE SERMON

**Read Romans 8:28-30.** When Paul says that “all things work together for good”, what does he mean by “all things”? Does this imply that all things *are good*? *Why or why not*?

Who is the recipient of this promise? How does one come to benefit from it?

Who will ultimately ensure that the promise will be fulfilled? Why does this matter?

If everything that happens to us is going to work out for our good in the end, what is the ultimate good goal that God intends for us?

## 2

### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What are some of your goals and aspirations in life? How do they compare with God’s ultimate purpose for you? Have you ever had a dream or a goal which you thought would be a good thing for you, but in the end turned out not to be a good thing after all?

Have you experienced pain and suffering that has certainly **not** felt like a good thing? Have there been times in your life when the pain and difficulty have seemed random and senseless? How did you respond in those situations? How did God use those experiences in your life?

## 3

### APPLY THE TRUTH

How does God’s promise in Romans 8:28 give us hope and confidence as we face trials and difficulties in our lives? How does it bring us comfort as we face our own anxieties about an unknown future? How is this promise supposed to affect our outlook on life in general?

Since God’s ultimate purpose for us is to conform us to the image of Christ, how does this affect our own plans and goals? Does this imply that we should never make goals for ourselves? Why or why not?

## 4

### COMMIT THIS WEEK

This week, how can we draw comfort from God’s promise that all things are working together for our good? How might this promise affect your attitude and decisions this week?