

5 Questions that Can Change Your Life – Week 2 *Scripture & Background Info for the week of April 14th*

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD’S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

Context of Romans

Romans is the longest and most systematically reasoned of Paul’s letters. Paul announces its theme in 1:16–17: the gospel is God’s power for salvation, because it shows us that the righteousness of God is through faith for all who believe. Paul explains the need for justification through faith because of sin (1:16–4:25). He then spells out the results of justification by faith in terms of both present experience and future hope (5:1–8:39). In the next three chapters, he expresses his sorrow that many of his fellow Israelites have not embraced the gospel, and he wrestles with the theological implications of this (chs. 9–11). He concludes by describing how the gospel should affect one’s everyday life (chs. 12–16). Paul wrote his letter to Rome in about AD 57.

(ESV Study Bible)

In Romans 6-8 Paul describes how resurrection has the power to change your eternity, *and* that it has the potential to change your everyday life today and again tomorrow. As he gets to the end of it, he invites us to respond to 5 rapid-fire questions that can help us gauge whether or not we’re currently living into everything we’re capable of living into since Jesus has risen from the dead. 5 questions that may, for some of us, feel like they have obvious answers. And they do. But they’re not stupid questions.

Questions for Discussion

1. What comes to mind when you think about hear the phrase “He who did not spare his own Son”? How does that impact your life on a daily basis?
2. How do you feel when it says God “graciously give us all things”? What are the things that can sometimes cloud your vision from the greatest gift that is Christ?
3. How does knowing that God already paid the ultimate price to provide for his people impact the way we should look at provision? How could that impact the way you rest or pursue generosity?
4. Last week you were challenged to memorize Romans 8:31. Would someone attempt that for the group? For this week, commit to memorize Romans 8:32.