

## **5 Questions that Can Change Your Life – Week 3**

*Scripture & Background Info for the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>*

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 8:33 (NIV)***

“Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.”

### ***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. Do you have any inner critics? Voices that make you feel a certain way about who you are or what you’ve done? How do those voices impact the way you live?
2. When Paul says, “any charge” are there things that come to mind that have been “charges” against you? How does knowing God chose you impact the way you deal with those voices or charges?
3. What do you think it means that God is the one who justifies? In what ways do you think this passage brings comfort and assurance to believers?
4. Last week you were challenged to memorize Romans 8:32. As a group, work collectively to recite it. Have someone now do it all on their own. **For next week, encourage the whole group to memorize Romans 8:33.**