



## Life Happens

Share an experience in your life in which it was difficult to recognize that God was working for your good.

Engage

Read Romans 8:28.

What does the verse say regarding all of the things that happen in our lives?

What does the phrase "in all things" mean to you?

What do you think the writer of Romans means when he says "for the good"?

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

Jesus calls this the great commandment.

How does the writer describe what it means to love God?

If we truly believed that God can work in all things for our good, how would it change how we feel right now?

Why is it difficult to know that God is working for your good, when bad things are happening to you?

What will you do this week to help you love God wholeheartedly and to know that in all things he is working for your good?



## Guidance Happens

What do you normally do when you are lost on a trip?

Read Psalm 25:1-10

In this prayer, David is seeking God's guidance. Yet before he makes that request, he begins with verses 1-3.

What foundation is laid with those first statements?

What specifically does David ask from God?

What outcome does David expect (see verse 10)?

Identify 2 or 3 situations for which you have recently asked God for guidance.

If you were to be completely honest, to what extent were your requests for the purpose of your own "safety, comfort or a sense of being righteous"?

What are your expectations when you seek God's guidance?

What do you need to seek God's guidance for in this coming week?

Psalm 25:1-10



## Grace Happens

**"Grace is forgiveness and hope and love to people who have done nothing to-earn it or deserve it or merit it."**

Share an experience when someone extended grace to you.

Read Ephesians 2:8-9.

What is Paul saying regarding the process of being saved from our sins?

What is the significance of grace being a gift rather than something earned?

What does it mean to be saved?

Read Psalm 19:12.

What does the Psalmist say regarding self-critique or self-assessment?

What does "hidden faults" mean to you?

What is the difference between the ladder that the world wants us to climb and the ladder that God uses to come down to us?



## Trouble Happens

What thoughts or feelings were stirred in you through the message?

Identify one physical scar that you carry and share the story of how you got it.

Read John 16:33

What is the inevitable reality about life that Jesus identifies?

What is the hope that Jesus offers?

How is that hope reflected in the phrase "already but not yet"?

Read Luke 13:2-5

What is the relationship between tragedies and people's sinfulness?

Why does Jesus ask us to repent?

Read Psalm 10:1.

When has this verse reflected your own thoughts?

How can the phrase "already but not yet" be of practical encouragement to you when you face troubles?

What is a trouble that you are facing?

How will you respond this week in light of the gift of God's Grace?