

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

Facilitator: Encourage your members to **BRING THEIR BIBLES** and use them during Connect Group.

CONNECT Group study questions for May 6, 2018

Title: An Amazing Promise—Romans 8:28 (NASB)

Read: Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Review: Read the notes from Pastor Peppy's lesson, *An Amazing Promise*. Share what God revealed to you from his message.

Facilitator: Group members may have their own questions or have difficulty understanding the Scripture passages we are studying. Encourage them to jot down their queries and submit them to you. If you send them to me by return email, I'll see they receive a response from Pastor Peppy or an elder.

Question: Romans 8:28 is a promise with conditions.

What are the conditions of the promise, and what must we do to meet those conditions? Read: Matthew 22:37; John 14:15; 2 Timothy 1:9 and Philippians 1:6.

Question: Pastor Peppy observed that Romans 8:28 can be a source of comfort for some or thought of as cruel by others.

In what ways and for whom is this verse a comfort. Who would see it as cruel and why?

Question: Is this verse is a statement of God's sovereignty, or an expression of God's love for those who love him?

Is there a difference? **Read:** 2 Peter 1:3-11

How do you feel about knowing that God manipulates those who love him to accomplish his purpose? **Facilitator:** It's natural for us to resist be-

ing manipulated by anyone. It requires faith in a promise like Romans 8:28 to know his purpose and our good are one and the same. **Read:** James 1:2-4.

Question: This side of heaven, we may get only glimpse of the “good” God causes from the “all things work together.”

What do you do about the times when you can see no possible good coming from a circumstance in your life or a loved one?

Question: Share with the group an example of God working in any of your “all things” to accomplish your good and his purpose.