

Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.

Group Discussion for Romans 8:26-39

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

Purpose:

Encourages deeper trust during uncertainty & connects Romans 8 to everyday struggles and disappointments

What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

Part A – Can God Use Hard Things?

Discuss:

- Have you ever gone through something difficult and wondered why God allowed it?
- Does God only work through good circumstances?
- What does Romans 8 teach us about God's control over our lives?

Romans 8:28 "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God..."

Have students discuss:

- Trust
- God's sovereignty
- Difficult circumstances
- God's bigger plan

Part B – God Works All Things for Good

Have them discuss what we see vs what God sees:

Romans 8:28

Discuss:

- Why God's perspective is different from ours
- Why we do not always understand His plans immediately
- How faith helps us trust what we cannot see

What We See	What God Sees
Pain	Purpose
Delays	Perfect timing
Confusion	Complete understanding
Temporary struggles	Eternal results

Part C – God Finishes What He Starts

Ask: "How can believers be confident about their future?"

Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:

- Philippians 1:6 "He who began a good work in you will perfect it..."
- John 6:39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that I lose nothing of all that He has given Me."
- Genesis 50:20 "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."

Discuss:

- God initiates salvation
- God completes salvation
- Believers can trust God's promises
- Our future is secure because of God's faithfulness

Group Discussion Questions:

- Why is it difficult to trust God when life hurts?
- Does Romans 8:28 mean everything that happens is good?
- How can God bring good from bad situations?
- How does knowing God is in control help believers face uncertainty?

2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)

Ask students to write or answer out loud: "What situation in my life do I need to trust God with right now?"

OR

How have I seen God bring good from something difficult?

Prayer & Reflection: Ask God to help you see your current trials as opportunities to grow in faith and become more dependent on Him. Be honest with Him about your struggles, fears, and frustrations. He cares for you and invites you to bring everything to Him in prayer. Ask Him for the strength, wisdom, and endurance you need for today.

Fun Note: One of the most powerful prayers you can pray is simply: **"Help."** God hears, cares, and responds to His children.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

Key for Lesson: God is always working, even when we cannot see it. He uses every circumstance in the lives of believers to accomplish His good purposes and bring them closer to Christ.