

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Romans 8:28-30

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. OUR BAD THINGS TURN OUT FOR GOOD
2. THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE CANNOT BE LOST
3. THE BEST IS YET TO COME

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Would you consider yourself to be a happy person? Why or why not?
3. How would you describe the type of happiness that can be had in Jesus? What are some unique resources found in Christianity that enable us to have deep happiness?
4. In Jesus, our bad things will turn out for good. However, this doesn't mean that bad things are good. What are some reasons it is important to be able to call bad things bad? Have you ever seen God use a bad thing for good in your own life?
5. In Jesus, we are not promised better life circumstances but we are promised a far better life. What is the difference? What are some examples of this from the Bible?
6. In Jesus, the best is yet to come. We are promised a new life, in a new body, in a new creation where death and destruction are no more. We are promised love without parting. How does this vision of the future change the way you live now?
7. **PRAY:** Spend some time praying that God's will would be done in this new year and that the truths from Romans 8:28-30 would be driven deep into our hearts and make us a happy, joyful people.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: In Jesus, our bad things will work together for good, our good things cannot be taken and the best things are yet to come.