



# Community Group Study Guide



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**Series:** Hard to Believe - Too wounded to care  
**Scripture:** Romans 8:18-39  
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## Questions for your consideration:

Suffering is a natural part of human experience. We experience suffering from our own choices, from the choices of others, from accidents, and from the course of natural events. With your group, take some time to reflect on Romans 8:28  
*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

Take time to reflect on each of the following phrases in the verse. Say the phrase, then take time to let any in the group say out loud words or phrase that come to mind.

And we know (e.g. certainty, something known together within a community, experience)

*That in all things*

*God works*

*For the good*

*Of those who love him*

*Who have been called*

*According to his purpose*

This is a good exercise that forces you to linger in a scripture verse. It will also make it easier to memorize the verse. After you do this exercise, share what light this verse sheds on human suffering.

Have you ever undergone a difficult time that caused you to question, or at least made it difficult to seek God?

How does Romans 8:28 help you gain a new perspective on suffering?