



## Sermon Notes: All Things Are Good

### 1. The Problem.

- a. We miss the object.
- b. We miss the context.
- c. We miss the meaning.
- d. We miss the spirit of the text.

### 2. The Promise.

- a. Everything in your life will ultimately work together to accomplish God's plan for you.
- b. And that plan is excellent.

### 3. The Purpose.

- a. God's good purpose encompasses your past, present, and future.
- b. God's good purpose is to use everything in your life to make you more like Jesus.

### 4. The Practice.

- "What might God be doing with \_\_\_\_\_ in my life, to help me look more like Jesus?"



## Gospel Applications: All Things Are Good

1. When/where/how have you heard *Romans 8:28* used before?
2. Forgetting the sermon you just heard on this for a moment, how have you understood/applied this verse in the past? [If you hadn't heard it before, how do you think you would've understood/applied it on your own?]
3. Skim *Romans 8* and note words and phrases that refer to difficult or painful parts of the Christian life. Skim the chapter again, this time noting all the good things God is up to in the believer's life - even during those trials. How does this change the way you read *verse 28*?
4. What are some of God's good purposes for your life, according to *verses 29-30*? Why do you think these are described in the past tense, given that some of them are still future for us?
5. Give some examples of unhelpful ways you might use this verse to counsel a friend who's going through a trial. What are some more helpful ways you might connect this verse to their circumstances?
6. How does it help you to acknowledge that God allows bad circumstances in all of our lives? Why do you think many believers are hesitant to admit that fact?
7. Think of some character qualities and other attributes that are best developed by enduring hardships. How does this change your perspective on why God allows painful circumstances in our lives? What's his stated goal that relates to these observations you just made?
8. What's the most seemingly pointless trial that's ever happened to you (maybe you're in the middle of it right now)? In light of what you know about *Romans 8:28* now, what are some things God might be doing?
9. Practice: "What might God be doing with \_\_\_\_\_ in my life, to help me look more like Jesus?" Ask some friends to weigh in with their perspectives.
10. What's one thing you'll seek to change in response to this message?