



I LOVE MY CONNECT

STUDY 1

All Things

Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:13, 1 Peter 4:11, Ephesians 1:11

God is God over all things. While not everything that has happened or will happen is good, we serve a God that is good and has the power to take every single thing and work it together for our good. God promises to make all things work together for the good for those who love him and are called to his purpose. When we live our lives according to his purpose, our calling and love for God aligns and causes all things to work together for good and our lives testify to his goodness.

Loving God and living called to God's purpose brings God's goodness into our lives. We love God in our devotional life and live called by being committed and faithful to the vocational life, by stewarding the gifts and talents he has given us. When we live our lives according to God's word and believe he will follow through with his promises, we understand that it is not our strength or effort that brings his goodness into our lives and trust he is always with us working all things together for our good.

Whatever is going on in our lives when we put God first we can trust he gives us strength to do all things he has called us to. Jesus is Lord of all and God has put all things under his feet. Because Jesus is Lord, we can live our lives with a sense of victory and expectation to overcome all things through him. In all things we give God the glory and stay committed to loving him and living called. God orchestrates all things according to his will. When we believe he is working all things for good, our faith is strengthened and our life is kept on track with his purpose.

God has the power to make anything new, to take broken hearts and make them whole. Jesus transforms us on the inside and we find an abundant blessed life that brings fruit of a healthy life on the outside. Instead of seeing things conspiring against us, we find all things working together for our good as we are faithful to him and do all that God has called us to. We commit all things to our good God, keeping a fresh perspective that seeks to know him, speaking the name of God into every situation and trusting God will work all things according to his will in our lives.

CONNECTION AND ACTION Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

ICEBREAKER: Share a time when something broken or lost actually worked for your benefit?

- Q:** What does it look like to live a life believing: God is working all things together for your good?
- Q:** What does it require for us to love God and live called according to God's purposes?
- Q:** What has God called you to? What steps can you take to steward the gifts and talents he has given you for his glory?
- Q:** Share areas of your devotional life and vocational life that you would like to grow in this year?
- Q:** God makes all things new. Share areas are you believing God to make new and work together for his good. Spend time encouraging and praying for each other.

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Vision Sunday

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

Read: Romans 8:28

Q: What does this verse and surrounding verses reveal about the kind of God we serve?

Q: What other scriptures come to mind that demonstrate God is a good God who works things together for our good?

Read: Philippians 4:8-13

Q: What does Paul mean in verse 13?

Q: How can we apply this passage to our lives today as we endeavor to love God and live called?

Q: What does knowing God is for us and setting our minds on good things change in us and our lives?

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

Q: What are qualities of a team that are loving God and living called?

Q: How does a leader's daily commitment to love God and live called impact the team?

Q: As leaders, what can we do to lead people in our teams to commit "all things" to our good God?

Q: What things in your team and leadership are you believing God to transform and make new? As a leader, what is your role in facilitating godly change and growth?

Activity

Spend time praying for the health and growth of each other's teams and leadership, that God will work all things for his good and glory.

PRAY TOGETHER

- Decisions for Jesus in our Services
- Pastors Brian & Bobbie Houston

PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

NATION BUILDERS – ON MISSION

One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation Builders causes we support, and regularly inspire your group to receive your Nation Builders offering. Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us 'reach and influencing the world'.

Nation Builders Update: Asia

Steve Dixon and Sam DiMauro hosted three training events in three different Asian nations to equip hundreds of Senior Pastors and then with our College Band held city-wide Night Rallies for thousands of believers. These nights witnessed breakthrough praise and worship, many salvations and healings. These events were held in Bangkok (Thailand), Manila (Philippines) and Kota Kinabulu (Malaysia) but included pastors and believers from surrounding nations, some of which are non-access countries where Christians face persecution because of their faith. Your Nation Builders giving made these events possible and helps us fulfill our Senior pastors passion to 'Champion the Cause of the Local Church everywhere'. Thank you.