**SCC SMALL GROUP STUDY**

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**You Can Do It!**

**Romans 8:1-28**

**Getting Started:**

1. When you were a child, who let you "off the hook" when you knew you deserved to

 be punished for something done wrong?

* How did you feel toward them?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

1. From 3:22-24, 4:23-24, 5:9 and 8:1-4, how would you explain the gospel to someone

 struggling with their sense of failure to be "good enough" for God?

* How is "no condemnation" related to "justification" (3:24 & 5:1)?

 2. Using verses 5-11, make a list comparing what Paul says about living according the

 sinful nature and according to the Spirit.

* What is the relationship of each to the Law of God?

 3. Since we are not set right with God by doing good works, what is the motive for

 changing our lives?

* How do verses 13-14, 6:13 & 6:19 together show how we are to deal with our sinful nature?
* What does he mean by the phrase "by the Spirit" (vs. 13-14)?

 4. What does it mean to you that you are not God's slave but His child?

 5. From 8:17, what type of suffering does Paul have in view here?

* What do you think he means by the "glory to come?"
* How can the hope in vs.22-25 help us during our times of trail?

 6. What confidence does verse 28 give you about events that occur in your life?

 7. In verses 29-30 what 5 verbs describe God's role in our coming to know Him?

* How does verse 29 define God's good purposes for us?

 8. How might the forces mentioned in verses 38-39 try to unsettle our trust in God's

 love?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

1.In light of verse1, how should you handle feelings of guilt and unworthiness before

 God?

2. When bad memories or unhealthy thoughts enter your mind, what have you found

 most helpful in dealing with them?

3. To you, what is the difference between hope and wishful thinking? How has your

 hope in Christ helped you recently?

4. When has it been hardest for you to believe Romans 8:28?