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- 1) Our prayer requests should be based on His Grace rather than our Merit.
- 2) God is so *for us* that both the Son and the Spirit are Praying for us!
- 3) God's love is not measured by my Circumstances, but by the cross!
- 4) When it comes to the consequences of the fall, we aren't offered Immunity. We're offered eternity.

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- 5) We're more than conquerors because even while the battle rages around us, our Victory is sure.
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TAKING IT HOME

- 7) This week we read the end of Hebrews 11 about men and women of faith. Read the passage below, which immediately follows Hebrews 11:30-40.

Hebrews 12:1-3 - "[1] Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. [3] For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

What stands out to you from that passage?

If there was one thing you need to "lay aside" so that you could better follow Jesus, what would it be? (i.e. "Less of _____," or "Cut out _____")

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of January 30, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we were reminded that God's plan is better than our plan. Can you think of a time when God changed your plans, and you're so glad He did?

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching in Romans 8:31-39, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we read that nothing can separate us from the love of God. What do the following passages teach us about God, His love, and/or His will? (Note any questions you have, too)

Isaiah 55:8-9 - "[8] For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Job 38:1-6 - "[1] Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: [2] "Who is this who darkens counsel By

words without knowledge? [3] Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. [4] "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. [5] Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? [6] To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

Romans 11:33-36 - "[33] Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! [34] "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" [35] "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" [36] For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

Do you think it is OK to question God? Why or why not?

Why do you think it is important to remember our *limited* understanding and God's *unlimited* knowledge?

What can you do to protect yourself from becoming frustrated or upset with God?

4) Related to the idea that we are limited, how do the following passages help you have a more correct perspective in life?

James 4:14 - "whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."

Psalm 39:5 - "[5] Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Selah"

When you're in heaven thinking back to your earthly life, what do you think your thoughts will be?

5) Imagine that you have a Christian friend that struggles with their sin, and as a result, struggles to know if they're really saved or not. How would you encourage them?

6) Read Paul's struggle below.

Philippians 1:21-23 - "[21] For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22] But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. [23] For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better."

Why do you think Paul believes his death (to ultimately be with Jesus) is far better than remaining in this life?