

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Are you a person who really likes routine or are you more spontaneous?
What would others say about you?
2. Read Romans 8:18-39 and review the following:
 - a. Why does creation groan? Why do God's children groan? Why does God groan?
 - b. What is our hope (vv. 24-25)? How does it help us through the groaning?
 - c. What does the Spirit do for us in our groaning (vv. 26-27)?
 - d. When it says God works all things out for the good of those who love Him (v. 28), what is "the good"?
 - e. In light of verses 31-39, how can we know that God is trustworthy?
3. What would it look like to rest in God's control? Can you think of any illustrations from the Bible?
4. What prevents you from resting in God's control?
5. Read Phil 2:12-13; 4:6-7. How do we balance the tension between personal responsibility and leaving things up to God?
6. Parents: Watch the 2-min video by Kevin DeYoung on RightNow Media, "Stop Freaking Out About Your Kids." (bthl.ch/stop) Are you banking on your quality of parenting to produce "good" kids? How can you entrust your children to God?
7. What do you think the Lord wants you to take away from the *Fearless* series?

OUT OF CONTROL?!

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- I. This present time **generates groaning**.

Rom 8:17; II Tim 1:7;
I Pet 3:14b-15a

 - A. Creation **groans**.

Gen 3:17-19; Lev 18:28;
Is 11:6-9; Jer 12:4;
Acts 3:19-21
 - B. God's children **groan**.

Acts 13:32-33; Rom 1:4; 5:3-4;
II Cor 1:22; 5:4-5; Eph 1:14
 - C. God **groans**.
- II. However, the **future of God-Lovers is secure**.
 - A. God causes **all** things to **work for good** to them.

Pr 21:30; Gen 50:20;
Acts 2:22-24, 36
 - B. His **purpose** will be **accomplished**.

Acts 13:48; Rom 1:5-7;
II Cor 5:21; Eph 1:3-5;
II Thess 2:13-14; Heb 2:10-11;
I Pet 1:1-2
 - C. Nobody gets **dropped**.
- III. Believers have nothing to **fear**; God is in **control**. (He has the **wheel!**)
 - A. **God** is for us.
 - B. He did not **spare** His **Son**.

Gen 22:12
 - C. He **justified** us.

Rev 12:10-11
 - D. Christ **intercedes** for us.

Job 16:19-21; Lk 22:31-32; Heb 7:23-25
 - E. Nothing can **separate** us from His **love**.