- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Romans 8:28-30 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Explain how the phrases "called according to his purpose" and "those who love God" relate to each other.
- 5) What does verse 28 teach the saint about God's providential control?
- 6) Take time to make sure everyone understands the meaning of each of the stages of the "golden chain of salvation" (foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, & glorification). Discuss the meaning(s) as a group.
- 7) What aspect of the "golden chain of salvation" (foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, & glorification) do you find most difficult to grasp? Which aspect do you find most glorious to celebrate?
- 8) How does this passage emphasize not just one's personal salvation but also the family of God?
- 9) How does this passage help us endure hardship?
- 10) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

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