



This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however, we encourage you to check out one of our warm and friendly Small Groups.

LESSON AIM: To find out how we can always count on God's power when we've come to the end of our own.

Connect15 min.



PRAYER: Begin your time with prayer. We encourage you to quiet yourself, acknowledge God's position, and ask God to open your mind and heart to the lesson aim for today.

ICEBREAKER: Do you tend to see the glass as half full or half-empty? Why?

Grow35-40 min.



KEY VERSE: "For the 'Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.'" 1 Corinthians 4:20 NLT

1. David's message last Sunday, "God Is My Strength," emphasized where the real power is in our lives. Was there one of God's promises that really impressed you? Explain.
2. Read over Romans 8:28-39 for this week's lesson. When we feel conquered instead of conquerors, what confidence does v28 offer believers? In what way have you seen God bring good out of bad situations?
3. In v29-30, what steps are outlined, "For those God foreknew"?
4. How do verses 31 through 34 support Romans 8:17

5. Of the agents of separation listed in v35-39, which is most threatening to you? What phrase or verse from this passage particularly strikes you and why?

Serve15 min.



What is the closest you have come to feeling the despair and loneliness of being separated from God that Paul describes in v31-39? How were you encouraged to connect to God's power and change your feelings?

Reach10 min.



Are you feeling a little pitiful right now or do you know someone who is? This is the time to step out, plug in and connect with our all powerful God. Check in with someone you know who is an encourager or become one yourself. Who in your world may need the lord's empowerment this coming week?

Worship15 min.



Turn your prayers into praise for the name of our Holy Father Jehovah El Shaddai – God Is My Strength. Replace your limited power with God's infinite and unceasing power.

Pray for other praises and needs of the group members.

- **When I'm _____**

"If only someone would listen to me! Look, I will sign my name to my defense. Let the Almighty answer me. Let my accuser write out the charges against me."
Job 31:35 (NLT)

"I will comfort you there in Jerusalem as a mother comforts her child."
Isaiah 66:13 (NLT)

"[Y]ou, O LORD, are ...the One who holds my head high."
Psalms 3:3 (NLT)

I Experience God's Power as I...

- _____ **for Him**

"At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said..."
Genesis 17:3 (NLT)

"Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor."
Proverbs 29:23 (NLT)

- _____ **and** _____

"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, 'I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Serve Me faithfully and live a blameless life. ...When God had finished speaking... On that very day Abraham ... circumcised them, cutting off their foreskins, just as God had told him."
Genesis 17:1b, 22-23 (NLT)

"If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning."
Romans 14:23 (NLT)

- _____ **the Source of Greatness**

"Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty."
Psalms 91:1 (NLT)

"Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow."
James 1:17 (NLT)

"Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment..."
1 Peter 2:2 (NLT)



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"[I]n Your name I will hope, for your name is good."
Psalms 52:9 (NIV)

EI: _____

Shaddai: Root word in Hebrew is "Shad" and means a

El Shaddai:

"Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!"
Isaiah 49:15 (NLT)

God Can Nourish Me with Strength...

- **When I feel _____**

"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, 'I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. ... I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!"
Genesis 17:1a,6 (NLT)

Jesus – "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."
2 Corinthians 12:9a (NLT)

Jesus – "For apart from me you can do nothing. ...I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using My name."
John 15:15b-16 (NLT)

- **When I'm _____**

"Don't call me Naomi (Pleasant),' she responded. 'Instead, call me Mara (Bitter), for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me."
Ruth 1:20 (NLT)

"The LORD nurses them when they are sick and eases their pain..."
Psalms 41:3 (NLT)