



Romans 8:31-39:

1. God is always doing good by us.
2. God is always satisfied with Christ's sacrifice for us.
3. God is always loving us through His Son.

John 17:20-26:

1. Jesus is praying for the unity of Christians.
2. Jesus is praying for the witness of Christians.
3. Jesus is praying for the security of Christians.

Questions for our Growth Groups on Tuesdays & personal reflection

Read Romans 8:31-39:

- What does the word 'intercede' mean? What does verse 34 tell us about Jesus' effectiveness in interceding to God for us?
- When do you doubt that God is doing good in your life? How do verses 31-32 reassure and encourage you?
- How does Jesus' death & resurrection 'justify' us (v.33-34)? Whose voice will God the Father listen to – the enemy who wants to condemn us, or Jesus who is interceding at His right hand? What does 1 John 2:1-2 add to this?
- What sorts of things does Paul say we might worry could cut us off from the love of God (v.35, 38)? What might you add to this list? Why is Paul so confident that none of these things will succeed?

Read John 17:20-26:

- Why did (and does) Jesus prioritise praying for a unity amongst Christians? What is the basis of the unity we have with each other? What things most threaten our unity at PBC?
- Why is the unity of the church closely linked with its Gospel witness (v.21)? What does that look like for our church?
- Why does Jesus want Christians to be with him (v.24)? Do you want to be with him?
- If these are three of the major things Jesus is praying for us at the right hand of God, shouldn't they be priorities for us in prayer too?!