# **We Are Sure**

*Living by Faith in the Promises of God*

(Romans 8:38-39)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. **ROMANS 8 REVIEW:** Review the chapter and break it down into sections according to theme(s). What did you find? What themes emerged? What theological concepts did Paul address in this chapter (e.g. justification, regeneration)? How does this help you understand Paul’s sweeping comments in verses 38-39?
2. **STUDY:** What is significant about Paul’s phrase “for I am sure”? Where else in Romans 8 does he speak this way? Why is it significant that Paul begins his list with “death”? How is this final enemy no longer a threat to the Christian? In what way(s) can “life” be a threat to our endurance? Explain how bad as well as good things can threaten to make us stumble in our walk of faith.
3. **STUDY:** What is Paul referring to when he cites “rulers . . . powers”? How can these things threaten us? How do we know God is sovereign over them and able to protect us (hint: see Colossians 1:15-20)? How do you know that Paul’s list is not comprehensive? How would you summarize Paul’s argument in Romans 8:38-39? Who is the focus of this section? Is it our love or his love that is primary? Why is this important?
4. **APPLY:** Having worked through the entirety of Romans 8, why do you think it is important to know, memorize, and understand this chapter? In what personal ways has this chapter helped you gain assurance, encouragement, hope, and strength? In your own words, explain why you think theologians often refer to this chapter as “The Great Eight.”