Small Group Discussion Guide In God's Hands: For the week of May 10 - 16, 2020

Main Thought and Scriptures:

In the midst of crisis, we can easily feel abandoned by God and even by others. However, if we respond correctly God can and will bring good out of any trial.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." (Romans 8:28-29 NLT)

The Bible teaches us several important principles that can give us hope and guide us when we go through trials:

- 1. While all things are not good, God can make all things produce good in our lives including trials.
- 2. God will use all things to form us in the character of Christ.
- 3. Greater surrender to God transforms us so that we can know and experience the will of God.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:1-2 NIV)

Discussion Questions:

- How do you think God is using your current trials to form the character of Christ in you? Explain.
- How do you need to surrender to God in a greater way in order to know and experience His will in your life?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another to surrender every area of our lives to Christ.
- Pray that God will use us to help someone in their trial to discover Christ.