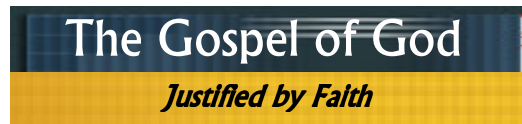


Living Connections Bible Study



Groaning with the Spirit

Text: Romans 8:17-30

Prayer:

Icebreaker: What are some things that we can communicate with a groan?

1. What three things do Romans 8:16-17 indicate that we should anticipate as children of God?

Suffering is a part of being in a fallen world scarred by sin. And suffering becomes a means by which we come to share in Christ's glory. This suffering is not voluntary but is necessitated by relationship. We have become one body in Christ and with our Christian family.

2. What do the following verses teach us about the sufferings of the children of God?

Hebrews 2:10

John 15:18-20

2 Timothy 3:12

1 Corinthians 12:12, 26 with Hebrews 13:3

3. How does Paul contrast our present sufferings for Christ with our future glory? Verse 18

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

4. Besides the inheritance of our heavenly home, what is the glory/glorification that Paul says we have to look forward to? Verses 17, 29-30

1 John 3:2-3; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Peter 4:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:10; Colossians 3:4

5. Why is all of creation looking forward to the day when God's true children will be revealed?

Verse 19-21; Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12

6. Why would God place a curse on the perfect world He had created when Adam sinned? Verse 20

7. **What is the glorious liberty of the children of God which we will experience at the rapture?
Verse 21; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54; 2 Corinthians 5:1-2**

8. **To what does Paul compare the pain and suffering the world is going through prior to Christ's return? Verse 22**

9. **What does verse 23 teach us about our physical bodies in contrast to our soul and spirit?
Ephesians 1:13-14**

10. **What does Paul call the believer's expectancy and assurance in the promise of Christ's return?
Verses 24-25; Titus 2:13; Isaiah 25:7-9**

11. **How does the Holy Spirit sympathize and help us in our human frailty as we look forward to Christ's return? Verses 26-27**

12. **What great promise and assurance do we have because of this? Verse 28**

Think about it this week:

Sometimes people do cruel and unjust things to God's children, yes, to those who are right-smack-dab in the center of His will. But as God's children we can rest assured that He won't let them go one step further than what will turn out for our good and for His glory as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit's working in us.