



SDG Discussion Guide

Romans 8:18-25

May 24, 2020

Guideline:

Before you begin your discussion and reading of Scripture, pray. Ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your previous days through the pandemic situation and people. Ask Him to illuminate your discussion and reading. Listen, and notice, what may God be bringing to your group for discussion?

For starters:

What sign of aging or weathering have you begun to feel in your bones?

Are you looking forward to anything right now, and if so, what?

Next, as you can in your group, read aloud and slowly **Romans 8:18-25**.

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. What are your expectations of the future?
2. What do you think Paul means by “the glory” to come?
3. Why do we as Christians “groan”?
4. What reasons for hope do you find in this message?
5. What does the Holy Spirit do for us when we do not know how to pray? When is the last time you did not know how to pray and the Holy Spirit helped and comforted you?
6. What “present sufferings” are you struggling with? What have you found helpful in dealing with pain suffering?
7. What is the difference between the hope of a Christian and wishful thinking? How has your hope in Christ aided you this week?

Prayer:

Once again, spend plenty of time to gather the reflections and insights that have come from your study, and turn them into a time of seeking Him. As you pray, be encouraged -- “the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express ... in accordance with God’s will.”

*The discussion questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).