



Sermon Discussion Questions

"Groan Now, Glory Later"

Romans 8:18-27

October 30, 2016

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Opener:

What signs of aging or weathering are you starting, or continuing, to detect in your body?

Questions: [The following questions are meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the selected text. Feel free to ask your group your own questions regarding the sermon or text.]

1. What do you think Paul means by "the glory" to come?
2. Why do we as Christians "groan" (v 22)?
3. What reasons for hope do you find in this passage?
4. What does the Holy Spirit do for us when we do not know how to pray?

Was there a time that you did not know how to pray and the Holy Spirit helped and comforted you?

Application:

5. What "present sufferings" (v 18) are you grappling with? What have you found helpful (if anything) in dealing with pain and suffering?

How can eager expectation of glory help us cope with our "present sufferings"?

6. What is the difference between the hope of a Christian and wishful thinking?

How has your hope in Christ aided you in the past weeks?

As a group, spend some time together in prayer. In light of the passage, ask God to give you a renewed outlook in some area of your life. Go forth this week eagerly expecting God to answer your prayer.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).