



## From Suffering to Glory

## Romans 8:18-30

### Something to Start Us Off (Choose either A or B)

- A. When you think about the future, what is one thing you are really looking forward to—something that makes you excited or gives you hope?
- B. If you could instantly be free from one frustration or limitation in your current life, what would it be?

### Something to Notice

Let's read Romans 8:18-30 slowly and mark words or phrases that should cause us to look forward to a glorious future in Christ.

- 8:18 *not worth comparing with the glory*
- 8:21 *the creation itself will be set free from its bondage*
- 8:23 *we eagerly wait for adoption as sons*
- 8:26 *the Spirit helps us in our weakness*
- 8:28 *for those who love God all things work together for good*

### Something to Learn

#### Key Insights:

\* Read 2 Corinthians 4:17. How does it fit with the message of this section of Romans 8?

#### Discussion Questions:

- The passage says creation itself is *subjected to futility* (v.20) because of the fall. What signs of that do you see in the world?
- In verses 23–25, Paul says even believers *groan inwardly* as we wait for the redemption of our bodies. What does this inward groaning look like in everyday Christian life?
- Verse 28 is one of the most famous verses in the Bible: “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good...”
  - Who is this promise for?
  - What does “all things work together for good” actually mean in this context?
- Looking at the whole passage, how does the hope of future glory (vv. 18-25) and God's unbreakable purpose (vv. 28-30) help us endure suffering now?

### Something to Take Home

- Memorize and/or meditate on Romans 8:26 and or 8:28 this week. The first promises the Spirit's help. The second reminds us of God's loving wisdom in all our circumstances.