

IN CHRIST ALONE

A STUDY ON ROMANS CHAPTER EIGHT

Discussion Guide — Nothing Compared

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris showed us that there is “Nothing Compared” to having our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yes, there is suffering in this world, because of our own sinfulness, but these things are light and momentary. Paul, the writer of Hebrews, reminds us of the hope that we have that one day God will restore all things to how they were originally supposed to be. Looking at the life of Paul, we see that even he suffered for his belief in Jesus. That didn’t stop him from have hope. He used hope like a superpower. Whenever suffering or pain would come his way, he would activate hope in his life, and be able to withstand anything that was happening.

Make It Practical

- Hope is not based on our situation or circumstances
- Biblical hope is a confident expectation of good, based on God’s past faithfulness
- Activate hope by fixing your gaze on greater things (Jesus)

**“Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory
he will reveal to us later.”**

Romans 8:18

Talk About It

1. How would you explain the reason for suffering to someone who does not follow Jesus?
2. Have you ever had a season of suffering? How did your relationship with God grow (or separate) during that time?
3. Why is it easier to lose hope during times of suffering? What are some things that you want to change during your next season of trials?
4. What are some practical ways that you can activate hope in your own life?
5. Why is it important for you to keep hope during difficult times?

