

The Hope of the Spirit

Series: Life in the Spirit - A Study on the Holy Spirit as our Helper from Romans 8

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Observation Exercise (7 minutes):

- Read Romans 8:18-23
 - Write down any observations.
 - What does Paul mean by “the sufferings of this present time”? What is he talking about in context?

- Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
 - Write down any observations.
 - Write down how the two passages relate.

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I. Greater Glory (Rom 8:18)

Personal Reflection and Table Discussion (5 minutes):

- Take some time to write down how these truths from Romans 8:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:17 give you hope for what hardships you are going through. Write down ways these truths can affect your life even this week.
- Share what you write with those at your table so they can pray for you.
- Commit to pray that the Spirit would testify these truths deeply to your heart, as God’s child, throughout the week.

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II. Anticipated Revelation (Rom 8:19-23)

A. The Creation eagerly awaits (Rom 8:19-22)

1. Creation was subjected to futility (Rom 8:20)

2. Creation will be set free from corruption (Rom 8:21)

3. Creation groans for now (Rom 8:22)

B. The Sons of God eagerly await our adoption (Rom 8:23)

TABLE DISCUSSION (7 minutes):

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 together. Make observations of the text and answer the following questions:

- How does this passage describe this moment of the redemption of our bodies?
- How does this description encourage you?
- What should knowing this truth produce in us?
- How will a meditation on these truths help a person facing difficulty, affliction, and suffering? Spend some time sharing how you might counsel that person from this text.

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III. Deeper Faith (Rom 8:23-24)

Final Personal Reflection and Table Discussion (5 minutes)

- Write down how these truths should affect the way you think.
- Write down how you want these truths to influence your affections.
- Write down how these truths should affect the way you live this week.
- Spend some time sharing what you wrote with your table.
- Commit to pray that the Spirit would testify these truths deeply to your heart, as God's child, throughout the week.

(Discuss - 2 minutes)

CONCLUSION: