

SESSION 5

The Story of The Gospel - Restoration

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Read Romans 8:18-24.

1. What do you think Paul means when he writes that, “the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now”?
2. What are some of the evidences of “creation groaning” that we see in the world around us?
3. Paul goes on to write, “we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.” Do you ever forget that Jesus is going to return?

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

1. Brian used the illustration of living between an election and the inauguration: once the victor has been named, it doesn't make sense to live like the outgoing administration will always be in charge. Instead, begin to adjust your life to prepare for the incoming administration. If King Jesus is really returning, what does it look like to live now in light of that day and for that day?



ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

1. What we believe about the future affects how we live in the present. Does the way you are living in the present reflect a future hope of resurrection and renewal?
2. What areas of your life do you feel that “inward groan” as you still experience the brokenness of sin and suffering in this world? How does your future hope in Christ give you help and peace while you wait for His redemption?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

1. God will ultimately redeem the world completely when Christ returns, but until then, the Church is meant to be a foretaste of that redemption. How can we bring Jesus’ hope into areas of brokenness in the world?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

1. As we wait for the age to come, there are many hurts and sorrows in this present age. Pray for God’s kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth—and in your lives—as in heaven.

