

# ROMANS 8

## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of April 26, 2026

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### Romans 8:18-27 *We Wait Eagerly for Adoption*

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- What frustrates you most about living in a fallen world?
- What kind of suffering does Paul have in mind in Romans 8:18-27?
- What does Paul mean by “the glory that is to be revealed”? (18)
- Paul moves from our suffering to the creation. Creation is suffering and waiting, too. What is it waiting for? (19-22)
- The Creation is suffering futility (20), decay (21), and pain (22). However, God promises a future-- and the sons of God will lead the way. How does Paul describe our future hope?
- Why is it significant that our “bodies”, and not just our souls, will be redeemed? What does this passage teach us about how we are to view nature and the material world? (23)
- Hope has a ministry among us. How does Paul describe it? How does hope shape our lives? (23-24)
- When we are too weak to live like children of God, the Spirit helps us. Paul uses the example of prayer. Share about a time you did not know how to pray, or you had run out of strength to continue to pray. What was that like? How does the Holy Spirit serve believers who struggle to pray? (26-27)
- Pray together in light of this week’s passage.