



Hope – Lent Week 4

Connect Guide March 10 and 11

Take this paper and take the sermon home with you. Reflect on the passage and discussion questions. Consider how to apply the message to your life. Study alone or gather a group. This guide will enrich and encourage you on your path to discipleship and deepen your relationship with God

Scripture

Romans 8:18-25 ... *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.*

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.



Discuss

1. Have you ever broken anything? Was there any hope for repair? Was it ever the same again?
2. Read Romans chapter 8 in its entirety. This sermon series digs deep into studying this powerful passage. What are some things you learned last week about the family in which you are adopted?
3. How can you describe God's glory? Can it be shared? Read Romans 8:17. Do you want to share in God's glory?
4. Why did Jesus have to suffer? When did his need for suffering begin? What do Adam and Eve have to Jesus suffering?
5. What gives you hope? Is hope available in your all circumstances? Is hope available to everyone?
6. What is the future reality for the believers in Jesus?
7. Read Acts 1:14. If you are praying at 1:14 for our church, consider this week praying for our ability to LOVE. Our love ministries include people in the church, the community and world.

Apply

God knows your identity; the real you, the best you. And He's waiting for you to live into it. As a believer in Christ, you can empty yourself in surrender and believe because you are his. He has adopted you into his eternal and everlasting family. Because of Jesus' great suffering, we can have hope in sharing his eternal glory. How are you suffering? When have other Christians, the Bible or surroundings encouraged you? When have you allowed the world to steal your Christ-given identity? Be encouraged today and this week and encourage another.

Prayer

God, this is us. We confess that we have not always lived into your standards or purposes. Lord, we acknowledge that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thank you for loving us just as we are. Teach and guide us as we journey through the season of Lent to find, know and proclaim our identity in YOU and you alone. In Jesus Name, Amen.