

# Small Group Discussion Guide

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## Message Reflection

**BIG Idea:** Because we are heirs with Christ, we endure present suffering with unwavering hope, knowing that future glory, bodily resurrection, and God's help through the Spirit await us.

**Application:** Hold onto hope in the midst of hardship, knowing that your suffering is not meaningless—it's leading to eternal glory, and the Spirit is helping you every step of the way.

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**Icebreaker:** What's something hard you've gone through that later brought unexpected blessing or growth?

## Discussion Questions:

1. Read Romans 8:18. How does Paul's perspective on suffering shift your view of hardship?
2. Why is it significant that all creation is "groaning" alongside us? (vv. 19–22)
3. What are some practical ways we can "wait eagerly" and "wait patiently" at the same time? (vv. 23–25)
4. How does the Holy Spirit help us when we don't know how to pray? (v. 26)
5. Discuss the meaning of "groanings too deep for words." Why is this encouraging?
6. What are some misconceptions people often have about Romans 8:28? What does it actually promise?
7. How does God's purpose differ from our desire for comfort or success?
8. What does it mean to be "conformed to the image of his Son"? (v. 29)
9. How does the chain of foreknowledge, calling, justification, and glorification give us confidence?
10. How can this passage encourage someone currently walking through suffering?

## Prayer Prompt:

Spend time thanking God for the hope we have in Him. Pray for each other's current struggles and ask the Holy Spirit to give strength, perspective, and confidence in God's promises.