

## **GOD FOR US: A Study in Romans 8**

Waiting in Hope - Romans 8:23-25

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### **I. Groaning**

- Our groaning is part of creation's groaning (vs. 22)
- Groaning has an end...we will be set free (vs. 21)
- Groaning is still under God's control (vs. 20)
- We groan inwardly (vs. 23)
  - The Holy Spirit causes us to grieve our sin
  - The Holy Spirit increases our capacity to love
  - The Holy Spirit is the promise of more (Psalm 4:7)

### **II. We Hope**

- For our adoption (an already/not yet...vs. 15-17)
- For our redemption bodies (1 Corinthians 15:12-58)
- In assurance (Hebrews 6:19-20)

### **III. We Wait**

- In patience since the Holy Spirit is our guarantee (2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

### **IV. We Consider**

- Our sufferings not worth being compared to future glory (vs. 18)
- Our sufferings are light and momentary (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
- Our sufferings are the pathway to glory (vs. 17)

**KNOW:** You will experience suffering in this world. The blessings you have in salvation do not make you immune from hardship. Suffering is not evidence that you are still under condemnation, but rather a mark of sonship.

**DO:** Rest in the promise that nothing will separate you from the love of God (Romans 8:37-39) and gain better vision of heaven so that you may hold fast in times of trial.

### **Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families**

**Please read Romans 8:23-25**

1. Read Romans 8 and list all of the blessings that are given to the believer.
2. What three 'groanings' are mentioned in Romans 8:18-26?
3. Why does Paul stop in the middle of this great chapter to discuss suffering?
4. What is so appealing about heaven to you? How can you go about gaining a greater desire for heaven?
5. What are a few things from Romans 8 that you find great comfort in?
6. What needs to change in your life as a result of this passage/sermon?