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Glory to Come
Romans 8:18-25
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

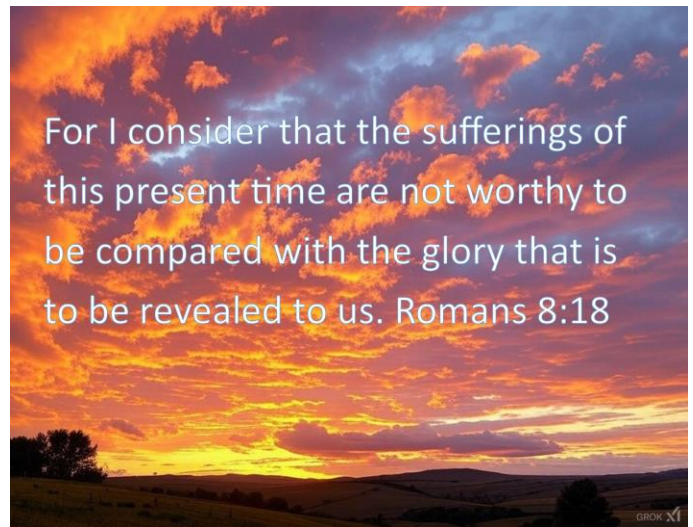
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will continue in Chapter 8 of Romans. This section talks about our longing for redemption and the coming glory of God. We currently experience suffering but it will not last and the glory of God will outshine any past suffering. Join us this week as we seek the glory to come.



ROMANS 8:18-25 NASB

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. 24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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🕒 Explore His Word (Interpretation) (For Community group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

1. In verse 18 what suffering is Paul referring to?
2. What glory is Paul referring to?
3. In verse 19 what is the anxious longing of the creation?
4. In what way is creation subject to futility?
5. When will the creation be set free?
6. What are the first fruits of the Spirit?
7. Where is our hope? Have we seen what we place our hope in?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

8. This world has suffering but is everything in this world bad? Give some examples

9. Describe how we should wait for the redemption we long for?

10. What do you think Paul's main idea is in this passage and how does it best apply to your life?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes