

“Present Sufferings, Future Hope”

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- Creation anticipates the day of its redemption
- God will reveal his sons as such; now we appear simply as sons of Adam.

- Because of the Fall, all creation groans as though giving birth.
- Creation's sufferings are both a result of past events and a sign of future deliverance.

- We share in the sufferings of all creation, looking forward to the promised redemption that was displayed in the resurrection.

- When you see the ground of you hope, it really isn't hope at all. The faith, trust, and hope we have in Christ isn't visible—but is is promised.

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

Open

- What is the longest you've ever had to stand in line for something? Was it worth the wait?

Read

- Romans 8:18-25

Observe

- Paul talks about "our present sufferings." How does thi relate to what he says about creation?
- What would a world like ours be like if there wre no death and decay? How is this a picture of the glory to come?
- How do verses 22-25 help us during times of trial?
- What is the difference between hope and wishful thinking??

Apply

- What are your great hopes? Your deepest desires?
- How has your hope in Christ helped you over the past week? The past month

Prayer

Almighty God, because of humanity's Fall and the sin that infects everyone, all creation suffers with us. We await the completed redemption that is ours through Jesus. We enjoy the first fruits of the Spirit now, and we wait eagerly for our what you have promised. You are our only hope, O God. Thank you for your grace and your perfect will over creation. Amen.